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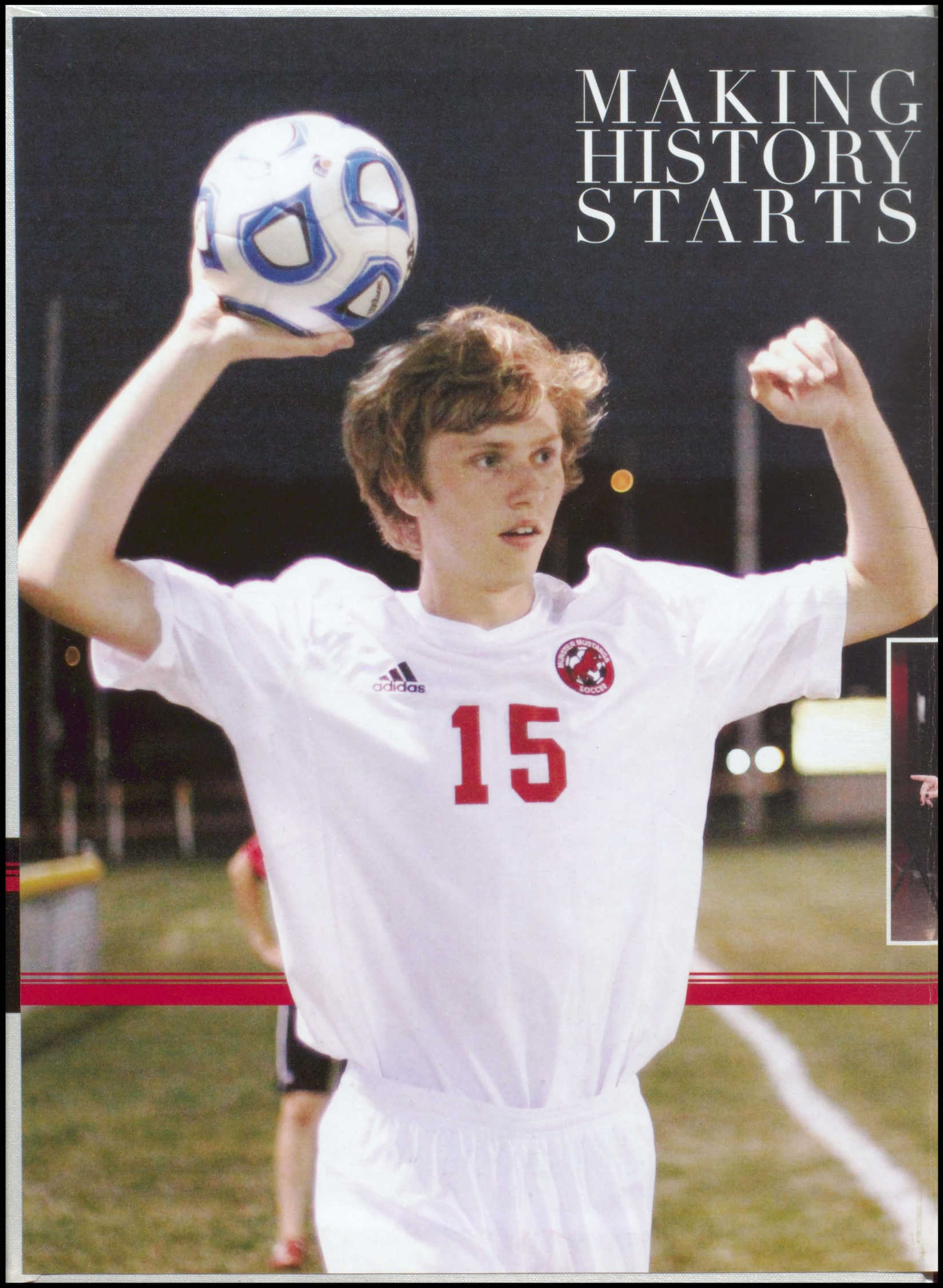
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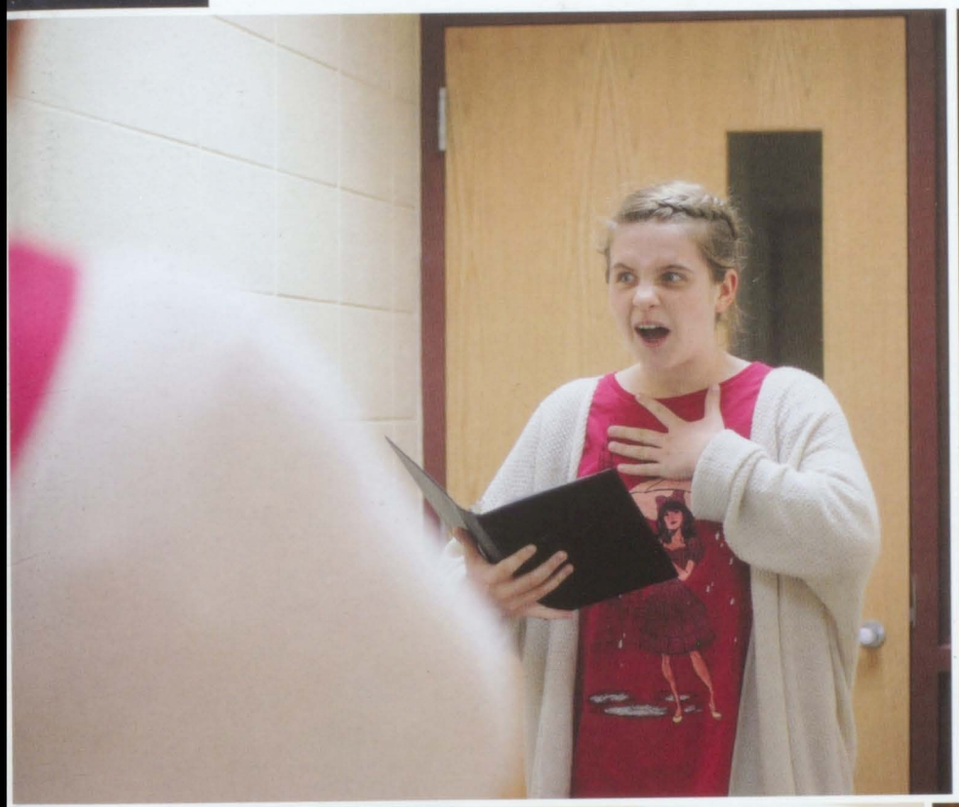

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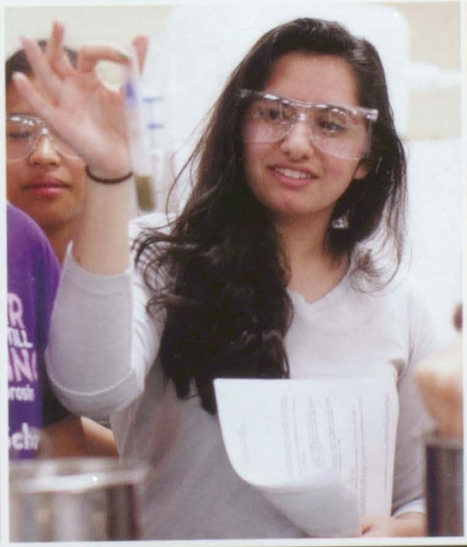

WITH YOU

STARTING UP Before he passes the ball to a teammate during the Portage soccer game, Jimmy Eaton (15), senior, pauses to think about his next move.
PRACTICING UNTIL PERFECTION Speech binder in hand, Alex Raycroft, sophomore, practices her Prose speech for an upcoming tournament.
BREAKING IT DOWN With her finger pointed, Eleni Georgalas, junior, gets into the music at the DECA Informal Dance.
EXAMINING A SPECIMEN Intrigued with her test tube, Lilean Mansour, sophomore, completes an experiment in Bio-Med.
PLAYING A SONG As he balances his instrument on his shoulder, Liam Gallagher, sophomore, practices his tuba with the rest of the band.

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FRAME OF MIND As she embodies the character Lily, Peyton Tinder, junior, holds up a frame while performing the song "Storm II" in "The Secret Garden." "The music in the show was beautiful in general," Peyton said. "I just really loved that."

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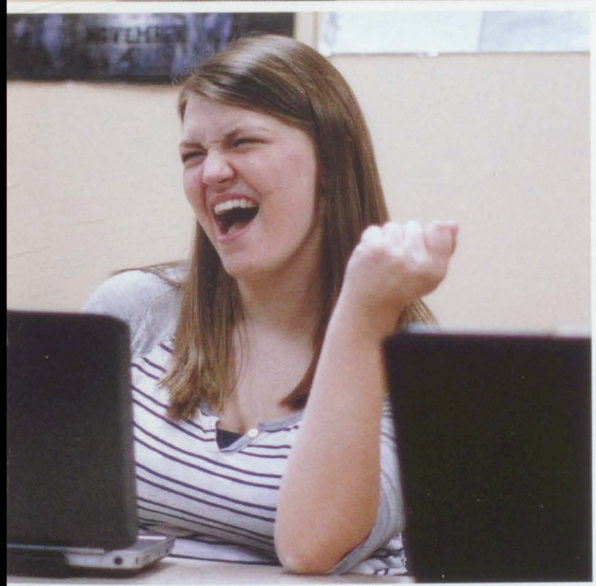
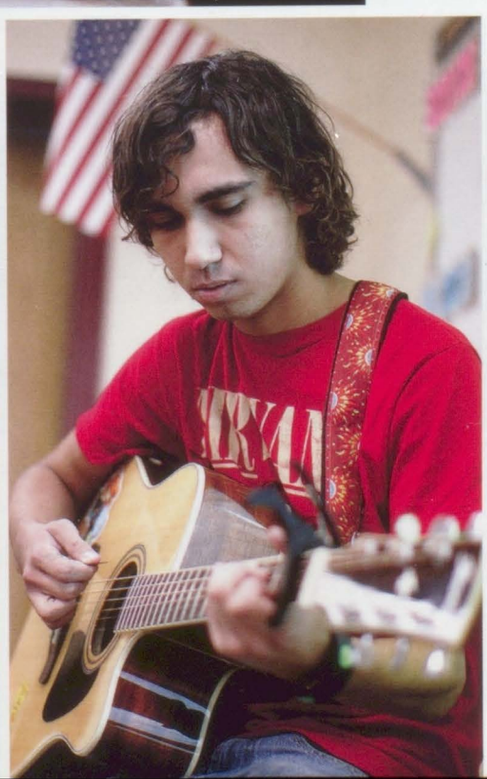




You did not have to be the smartest. You did not have to be the fastest. You did not have to be the most creative. You did not have to be the best.

You just had to be you.

The you that stayed up until 3 a.m. studying for your U.S. History test. The you that sat on the floor in the hallways in North every day after school while perfecting your Drama for Speech. The you that snuck your Dunkin Donuts Iced Latte into first hour study hall. The you that used the past years as inspiration to make this year, the 50th anniversary, the best one yet.

Your successes, your failures and every moment in between were the stories that made history.

Regardless of your loss at Sectionals, regardless of your C on that biology test and regardless of the budget crisis, you always found a way to make your own history—your history that will live on for the next 50 years.

It started with dressing up in your preppiest clothes to support the Basketball team at Lake Central. It started with traveling to Orlando to compete in Nationals with the Dance team. It started with that all-nighter you pulled, landing you the highest grade on your Algebra II test.

History happened every day... because of you.

MAKING HISTORY STARTS WITH YOU

CELEBRATORY HUDDLE After completing a freestyle swim, the Girls' Swim team congratulates Maggie Vaitkus, sophomore. "The team was very supportive," Maggie said. "From standing behind my lane wishing me luck before a race, they were always there for me."

SHAKE IT OFF Never missing a beat, Taylor Merkel, senior, jams out to Taylor Swift in Mrs. Tammy Daugherty's AP Composition class. "(Mrs. Daugherty playing music) was a nice break from the monotony of the day," Taylor said. "It was nice to let loose for a few minutes."

PUT YOUR FACE ON As he completes his preshow routine, Drew Adams, senior, applies his eyeliner before a performance of "The Secret Garden." In the show, Drew played the role of Dickens. "I loved working with the cast," Drew said. "It was always so much fun working with them."

DIGGIN' IT With Mr. Brian Clark, athletic director, watching from behind, Megan Wolski, freshman, gets ready to bump the ball, as she participates in the Student Government volleyball game. "(Playing in the game) was exciting because I got to play against my friends," Megan said. "But I was embarrassed because I sucked at volleyball."

MUSIC DAY As he plays his guitar in front of Poetry Club, Jerry Jacinto, junior, takes part in the club's Music Day. Music Day gave Poetry Club members a chance to express themselves using music. "I liked music day because I could get opinions on a song I wrote and finally play my guitar in front of people," Jerry said.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

By creating new friendships, joining clubs and keeping childhood relationships through thick and thin, students defined themselves and the school through 25 key characteristics that evolved as their high school years went on, making history for the next 50 years

1 SENIORS

Comparing school tuition to common privileges, seniors choose between private and public colleges

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
$10,899 per year
-6,228 tall cups of Starbucks coffee
-108 tickets to Disney World
-54 iPhone 6s

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
$29,671 per year
-16,954 tall cups of Starbucks coffee
-296 tickets to Disney World
-149 iPhone 6s

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
$12,969 per year
-7,010 tall cups of Starbucks coffee
-129 tickets to Disney World
-65 iPhone 6s

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
$27,561 per year
-14,898 tall cups of Starbucks coffee
-275 tickets to Disney World
-138 iPhone 6s

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
$13,485 per year
-7,289 tall cups of Starbucks coffee
-134 tickets to Disney World
-67 iPhone 6s

Source: White House College Score Card

6 HAPPY CAMPERS

Friendships originating at St. Thomas More and continued throughout high school even to Florida for Project Bio

"We shared that commonality of childhood and young adolescence that bonded us together and keeps us close."
Kathleen Gonzales, senior

"We were not really the camping types, so I knew this trip would either lead to a stronger friendship or go down in flames."
Gillian Urbaniak, senior

"We planned out what restaurants and rides we would visit for our two days at Disney."
Hannah Dempsey, senior

"The small private school raised us to be more of a family than classmates."
Allison Hemingway, senior

TOGETHER FOREVER Shoving the tent into the bag, seniors Gillian Urbaniak, Hannah Dempsey, Kathleen Gonzales and Allison Hemingway practice setting up a tent for the Project Bio class trip to Florida. "I thought the long history of being childhood friends would make the trip a lot more fun because it gave a chance for us to come together before we graduate," Kathleen said.

WE THE BOYS Working with his expert, Mr. William Jonelis, Walker Hedgepath, senior, laughs along while studying for We The People. "These experts were the backbone of our program," Walker said. "I could say that I personally look forward to seeing them each week immensely."

SMILE AND WAVE Walking onto the field, Homecoming Queen Nominee Meredith Simmons, senior, and Theo Burgwald, junior, smile during half time. "The two of us became pretty good friends at the beginning of the school year," Meredith said.

THE CORE FOUR

Class by class, junior varsity to varsity, each grade had defining traits and a valuable set of skills that distinguished them from the next

2 JUNIORS

While junior year could be stressful, some classes held more tears and requirements than others

AP U.S. History
Brigid McGinty

U.S. History
Luke Pillarella

AP Literature
Julia Torres

Honors English 11
Antoine Van Dyke

3 SOPHOMORES

Second year students talked about finding their place at the school through classes and activities

"Finding my niche at MHS wasn't very difficult. I even met some awesome new people along the way."

Ruth Kurowski
Debate member

"It is awkward. But I have definitely found my place."

Saveda Majety
DECA member

4 FRESHMEN

Often confused by the new school, freshmen spout common phrases

Who is Mr. Gordon?

Will that class be hard for me?

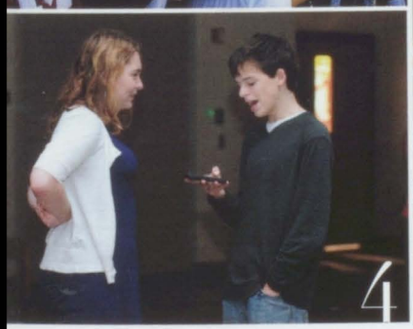
I'm taking that senior year.

This school is so big.

What is DECA?

Where is N123?

What does B lunch mean?

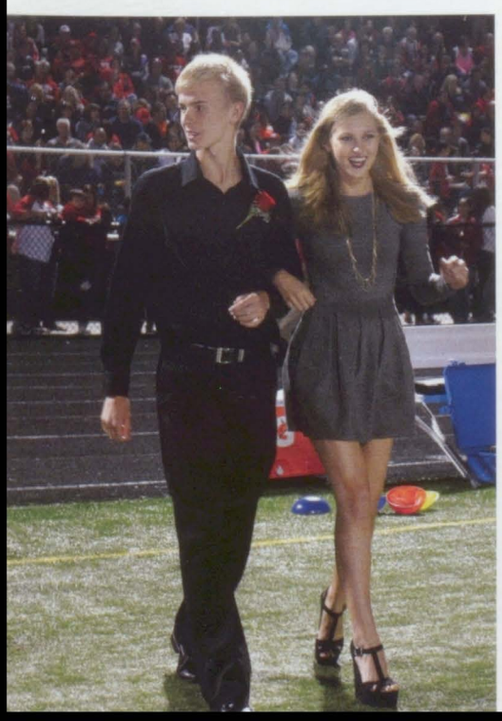


HONORS SOCIETY Students in Mrs. Tammy Daugherty's AP Composition class line up outside for a picture during Homecoming spirit week. "I loved dressing up as different characters and being able to have fun with the senior class," Ellie Dorn, senior, said.

SO LITTLE TIME As they work, juniors Lydia Zheng and Naiomi Velasco think about what they still needs to finish. "I just cry," Lydia said. "I try to split my time up evenly between studying and extracurricular."

AGAINST THE ODDS Running toward the crowd to celebrate a varsity win, Chuck Tsoukalas, sophomore, jumps into Jack Wolf, sophomore. "It was a really good experience because all of us treated each other like family," Chuck said.

ACT NORMAL Talking at the DECA informal dance, Connor Meyer, freshman, met new classmates. "I wasn't used to being in so many activities with older students, but that really expanded my circle of friends," Connor said.



5 DEGREES OF TOGETHER

From Cross Country to Spanish Club, students crossed paths and networked together to form a web of opportunities

Walker Hedgepath, senior — We The People — Sean Pruzin, senior

Sean Pruzin, senior — Soccer team — Jeff Stoll, junior

Jeff Stoll, junior — Family — Mrs. Florencia Stoll, Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Florencia Stoll, Spanish Teacher — Spanish Department — Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish Teacher — Spanish Club — Jimmy Murphy, senior

Jimmy Murphy, senior — Cross Country — Theo Burgwald, junior

Theo Burgwald, junior — Homecoming Escort — Meredith Simmons, senior

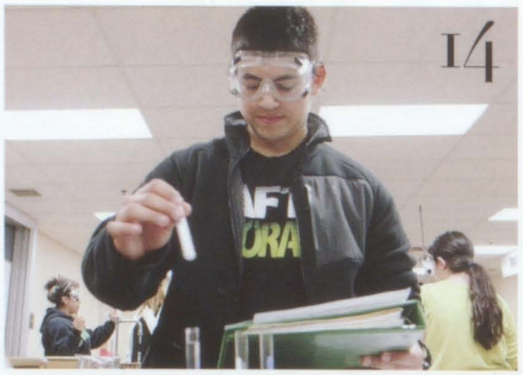
PASSING WITH CLASS

Students discussed the incentives behind their academic decisions

14 COLLEGE PREP

With numerous AP and Honors classes, students became college ready

BEYOND BASIC Running a PH test, Nolan Lomeli, sophomore, checks if the different test tubes hold acids or bases. "(Academic classes) prepared us for what (college) was going to be like," Nolan said. "They gave us more responsibility so we knew how it would be on our own."



13 JOB READY

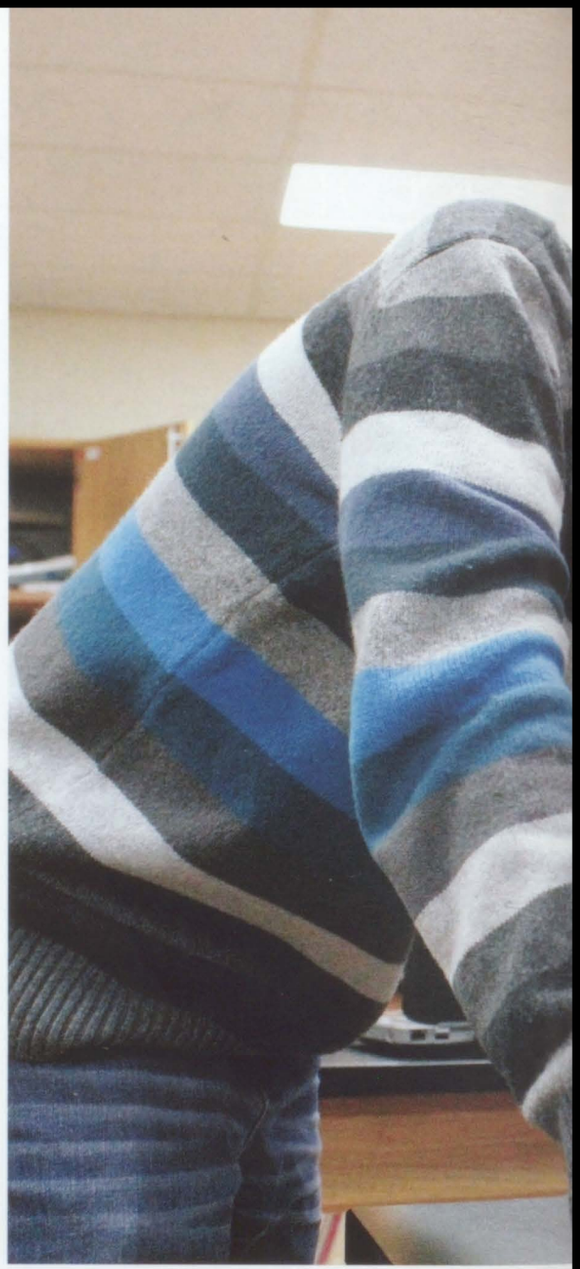
Electives helped to prepare students for their future careers paths

PLAYING DOCTOR Dressed in her white lab coat, Maureen Doherty, senior, performs a lab in her Advanced Microbiology class. "That was the only science class I took (first) semester," Maureen said. "I picked the class because I really enjoyed Biology, and I want to major in Nursing."

12 ROUTINE

Classmates had different methods to include breaks in their school day

SNACK TIME TO CLASS TIME With social studies teacher Mr. Richard Sluder's Advanced Sociology class landing right in between breakfast and lunch, many students snacked in his class. Seniors Marymargaret Maloney and Nikki Smith took notes while eating food in his class. "I usually just ate because I was hungry," Nikki said.



11 BUSY BEE

Multiple classes and clubs kept students like Garrett Zuck, senior, active throughout the year

During School:

1) Band
2) AP Physics C
3) AP Calculus BC
4) AP Economics
5) Orchestra
6) AP Composition
7) AP Spanish V

After School:

Academic Super Bowl, Band, Marching Band, National Honors Society, Science Olympiad and TEAMs (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science)

MEASURING UP Eye on his measurements, Garrett Zuck, senior, spends time after school at Science Olympiad practice. "The event (I was in) was called Air Trajectory," Garrett said. "We had this contraption, and we had to convert gravitational potential energy to air pressure to launch a projectile. For this event specifically we won (at the competition Jan. 17)."

BRAIN GAMES

From science labs to early morning study sessions, find out more about the elements that shaped a student's school motivation

7 TECH TALKS

With the fourth year of having laptops, students weigh in on using laptops or books to study

"I preferred reading from a book because you could read it anywhere you were, it was easier to handle and I was just more accustomed to it."
Tara Layous, 9

"I didn't really have a preference when it came to reading. However when reviewing, I sometimes found it easier to use paper copies."
Anna Whitney, 10

"Book–(it was) easier on the eyes and to navigate. Plus with a laptop, you had to charge it every night."
Ricky Greep, 12

TECH SAVVY At Science Olympiad practice, sophomores J.R. Bales and J.P. Cieslak research for their cell biology and entomology events. "With the laptops, students could access certain information they needed a lot easier, instead of having to check out books from libraries or ask teachers to look up things for them," J.R. said. "(In my event) I had to gather information and then I put anything that I really thought was important or easily forgotten on a reference sheet."

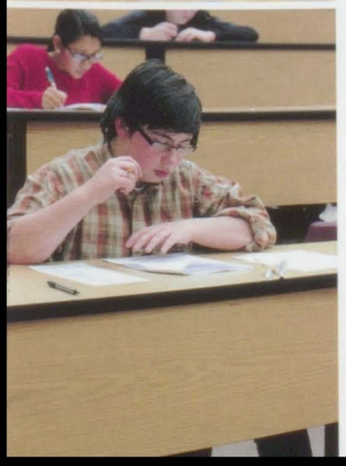
STRENGTH IN COMPETITION

Sports players viewed their competitors as their motivators

9 ARCH-RIVALS

Sports teams considered schools like Lake Central as a team to beat

RIVAL COURT Looking at his Lake Central opponent, Luke Hackett, junior, tries to pass the ball. "Playing against a well-ranked team impacted our play by just making the game even more competitive than it already would be," Luke said.



10 AIM TO WIN

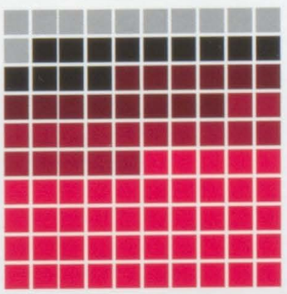
Academic clubs wanted to win multiple competitions and beat their opponents

WATCH AND LEARN In the resource room, seniors Sai Sripad Kodukula and Saptarshi Chakraborty and Patrick Wu, sophomore, watched teammates' practice debates to prepare for the district tournament.

TEST TIPS Due to the cold weather and water main breakage at the high school, students like Vince D'Angelo, junior, took their DECA districts tests after school instead of going to the district competition. "(Competition) was a big aspect, because you were competing for something that was beyond just the school, it was known to the state," Vince said.

8 RUNNING EXTRA TIME

Students did different activities with their 30 minute late starts on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Source: Survey of 437 students conducted Jan. 12

MESSY STUDIES In the Media Center during contact time, juniors Allison Dinh and Dylan Goodman attempt to finish their math homework. "I saw the Media Center as a good place to get some extra studying in," Allison said. "It was a nice and quiet environment for reading or reviewing materials. During contact time, I liked to get ahead on homework. Most of the time I worked on AP Biology."

24 FOREIGN LANGUAGE HALLWAY

+ Secluded French class
+ Señora Stoll's students crowd the hallway
+ "The foreign language hallway had the newest classes and smelled weird."
- Mark Levitan, senior

25 PARKING LOT

+ World's worst traffic jams, everyday
+ The struggle of walking to the Munster pool parking lot
+ "It was always so annoying to wait to get in and out of the parking lot. The traffic sucked."
- Gianna Fotopoulos, senior

23 AUDITORIUM

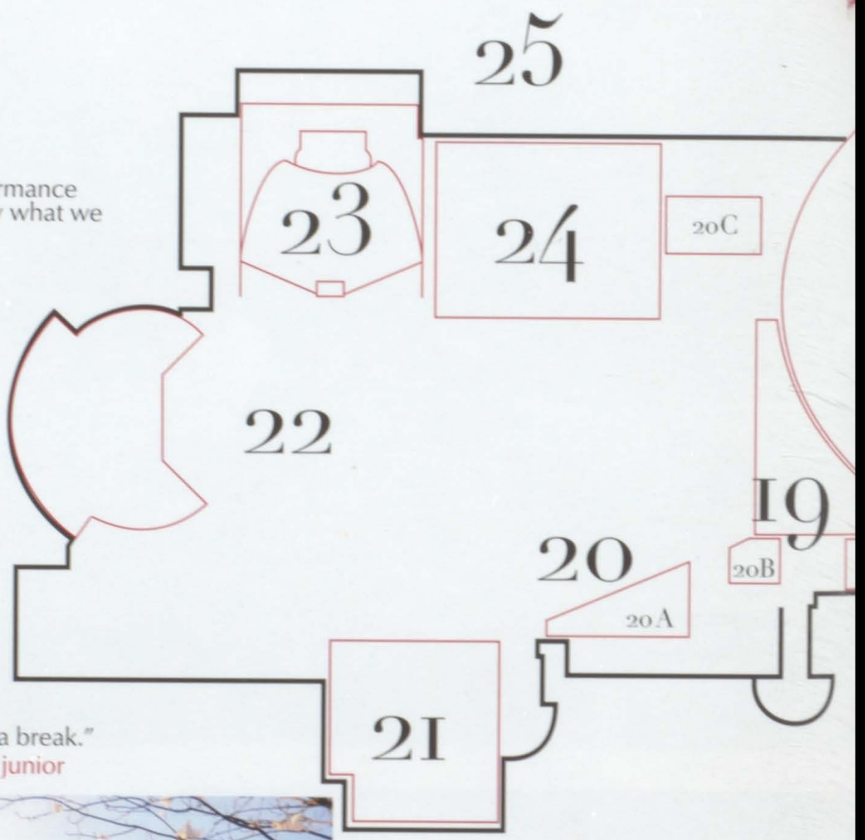
+ Theatre kids' territory
+ Battle of the Band's Battleground
+ "When I thought of the auditorium, I thought of speech performance nights. Before we went to nationals, we got to show our family what we had been working on the whole year." -Vivian Reba, junior

22 SOUTH

+ Legendary teachers lead the math hallway
+ Music students hidden in the corner
+ "When I thought of South, I thought of math and how much warmer it was. I also thought of the music rooms."
- Michaella Lorenz, junior

21 CAFETERIA

+ Time to either finish studying, do homework or eat
+ A and C Lunches' low population; B Lunch's over-population
+ "I thought of the cafeteria as a place I could just chill and take a break."
- Dominic Giannini, junior



20 OFFICES

+ **A**: Guidance - somehow you don't have a lunch in your schedule
+ **B**: Main - the place your parents drop off that assignment you forgot
+ **C**: Athletics - the Letterman office
+ **D**: Student Services - where your cute outfit turns into a throwback to gym class
+ "The first thing I think of when I thought of the athletic office was sleep, and Georgia and Penny, the athletic office secretaries."
- Allison Hajduch, junior

SNOWED IN After 19 inches of snowfall Feb. 2, administration were forced to shut down the school for a day. Students dealt with freezing temperatures and shoveling parking spaces out.

MAPPED OUT

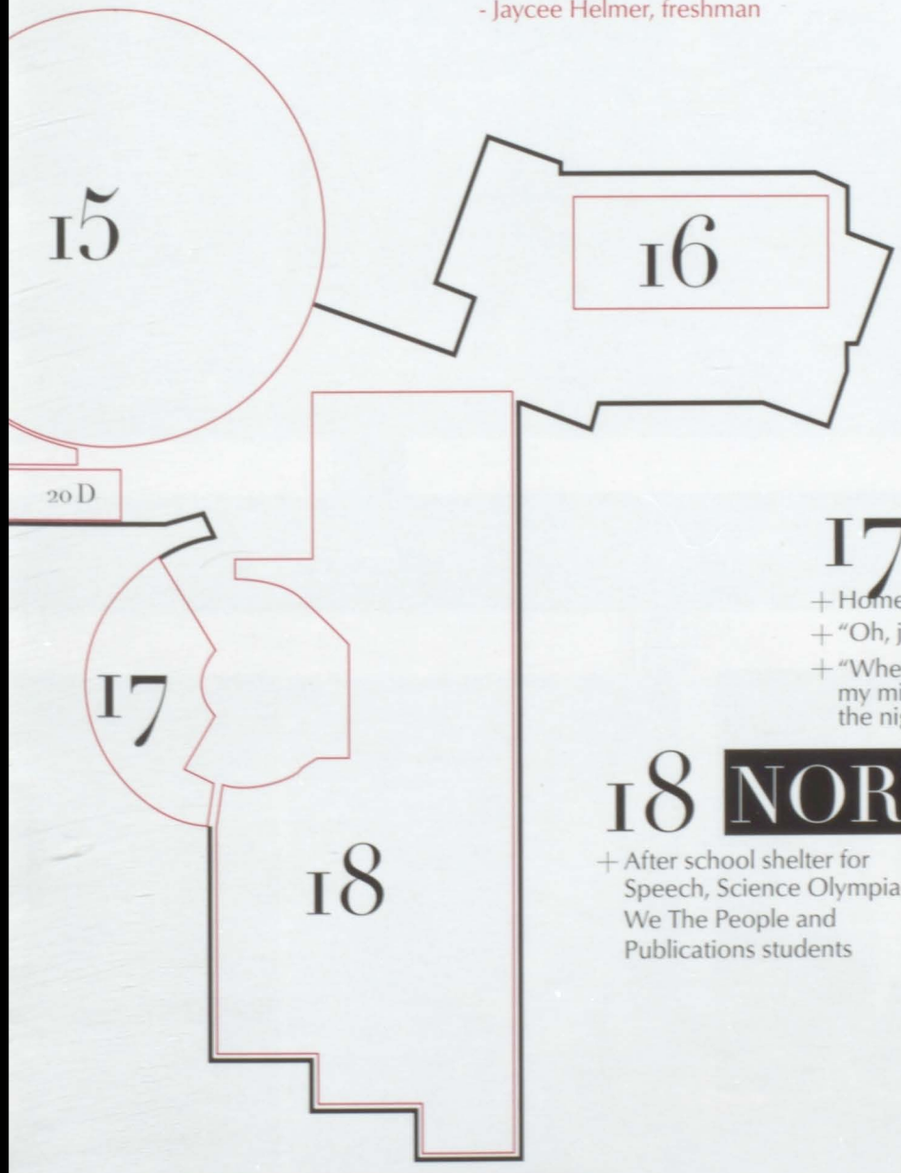
Whether trekking from North to South or walking down the hallway to class, students connect each area with key characteristics

15 FIELDHOUSE

+ Athlete's second home
+ It's not the gym, it's the Fieldhouse
+ "When someone said Fieldhouse I thought of how sports were both stressful and rewarding."
- Jaycee Helmer, freshman

16 POOL

+ Swimmers live here
+ "When I thought of the pool, I thought that I was hungry and that I was not thirsty." - Gurk Kaur, sophomore
+ Throwback to Chicago almost hosting the Olympics



17 MEDIA CENTER

+ Home to the school printer
+ "Oh, just restart it." - the solution to every computer problem
+ "When I thought of the Media Center, the first thing that came to my mind was having to get a laptop battery because I didn't charge it the night before."
- Mark Phelps, senior

18 NORTH

+ After school shelter for Speech, Science Olympiad, We The People and Publications students
+ Temperatures are either sub-zero or in the hundreds
+ "When I thought of the North hallways and classrooms, I thought of cold. It was always so freezing on that side of the school."
- Maria Sirounis, junior

19 COMMONS

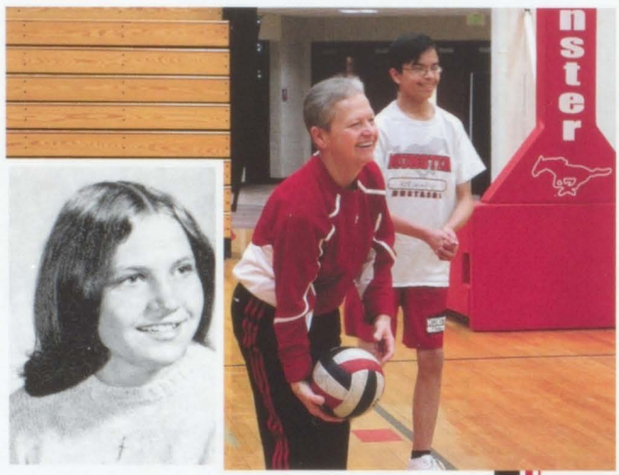
+ The common meeting area
+ Walking through the middle triangle during passing periods is forbidden
+ "When I thought of the Commons, I thought about meeting my friends there to hang out and to do my homework"
- Matthew Aquino, sophomore

TAKE A LOOK BACK

With the 50th anniversary, students and faculty reflected on the school's history paved by past alumni and staff, including the construction of the school, creating annual traditions and joining hall of fames

WHERE IT ALL STARTED Prior to 1966, high school students living in Munster attended school in Hammond, Griffith and other surrounding towns. Construction for the first the school building began in June 1965. Students began attending classes at the new building in September 1966. **Photo from *Paragon* '66**

CREATING HISTORY In the midst of a volleyball game during gym class, Ms. Paula Malinski, physical education teacher, passes the ball. During her sophomore year at the school, Ms. Malinski played in the first Girls' Basketball team formed in 1972. "In our very first game, I scored the very first basket," Ms. Malinski said. Since then, Ms. Malinski has taught physical education and coached the Girls' Swimming team. "Having students as freshmen and seeing them grow and mature into grown students and graduate—that to me was so neat. It was so fun to be a part of that," Ms. Malinski said. **Photo from *Paragon* '74**



1965 1967 1968 1972

FIRST OF MANY On June 8, 1967, 184 students became a part of the school's first graduating senior class. Assembled in the Auditorium, the students had their Commencement Address given by Senator Birch Bayh. **Photo from *Paragon* '67**

THROUGH THE YEARS During Algebraa I class, Mr. Steven Wroblewski, math teacher, helps Alondra Lopez, sophomore, with an assignment. Mr. Wroblewski began teaching at Munster in the fall of 1967. "The whole bit about being old here, in one word, is interesting," Mr. Wroblewski said. "It's better to be thought dumb than open your mouth and remove all doubt." **Photo from *Paragon* '72**

ALL YOU CAN EAT Volunteers grill some chicken as the Speech & Debate team began its annual tradition of the Chicken Barbecue Dinner at the 1968 Homecoming.

SPIRIT FIRE Continuing Homecoming tradition, students burn the Valparaiso Viking effigy in a bonfire. **Photos from *Paragon* '69**

GAZING ON On the sidelines, Mr. Leroy Marsh, health teacher and Football coach, observes the Football game against Lake Central. Mr. Marsh started his teaching career at the school in 1973. "My favorite part about teaching was the students," Mr. Marsh said. "I enjoyed the interaction and the camaraderie of the teaching staff. I hope I made a difference in the lives of all my students and athletes, and I hope they know I cared about them." **Photo from *Paragon* '74**

1973 1976 1978

ON BOARD Writing on the board, Mr. Bob Shinkan, math teacher and Baseball coach, teaches his geometry class. As a 1972 alumnus, Mr. Shinkan began his teaching career in 1976. "First and foremost, I hope that people remember me as an effective teacher—that's the most important thing," Mr. Shinkan said. In 2015, Mr. Shinkan was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. "Just to be nominated was a great honor, but to actually be voted in kind of completed what my career has become," Mr. Shinkan said. "I owe that all to the past coaches and the players. I can't take all the credit." **Photo from *Paragon* '76**

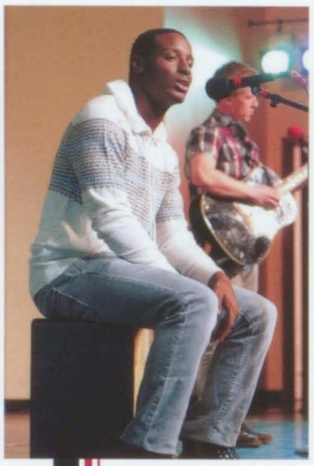
HELPING HANDS At Speech Extemporaneous practice, Mr. Donald Fortner, AP Economics teacher, aids juniors Emily Wierman and Anna Riggs. Mr. Fortner began his teaching career in 1978. Over the years he has helped coach the Volleyball team and Speech & Debate. "I hope students have found that they have learned and felt something positive," Mr. Fortner said. "From my work in volleyball, all the fun times in Speech and Debate, and then in the classroom, I'd have to write a book from all the memories. That's how wonderful this experience has been." **Photo from *Paragon* '79**

FROM THEN TO NOW

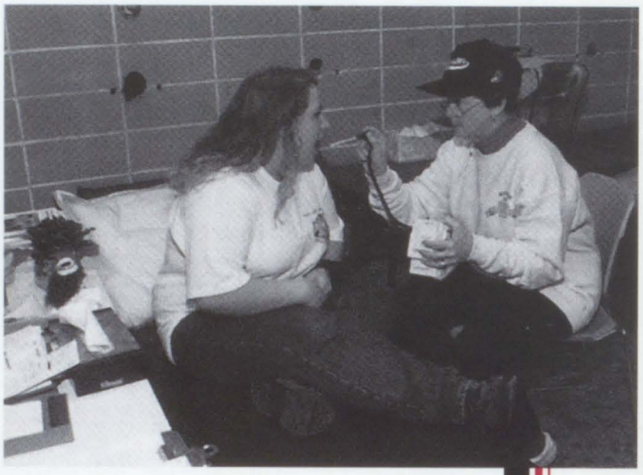
Upon entering a new decade, many mishaps struck the school: from a fire that destroyed the North side of the school to the flood of a century - yet students and staff overcame the obstacles as one

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK Starting a new tradition, Rock & Roll hit the overcrowded auditorium with bright lights and loud music. It was the first annual Student Government sponsored Battle of the Bands where the school's local rock groups gathered for competition. **Photo from *Paragon* '86**

SING IT OUT LOUD Trying out for the first time as a band, Lawrence Gaines and Alex Wisneiwski, seniors, covered "Take Me to Church," by Hozier. Lawrence participated in Battle before, but this was the first as part of a band in '15. "I liked to see all of the people enjoying music," Lawrence said. "That hands down was my favorite part."



CHANGE OF SCENERY In the makeshift nurse's office, the nurse took a student's temperature in one of the former boys' bathrooms due to reconstruction of the Central hallway. With limited rooms available, students and staff had to make due with the temporary adjustments. **Photo from *Paragon* '97**



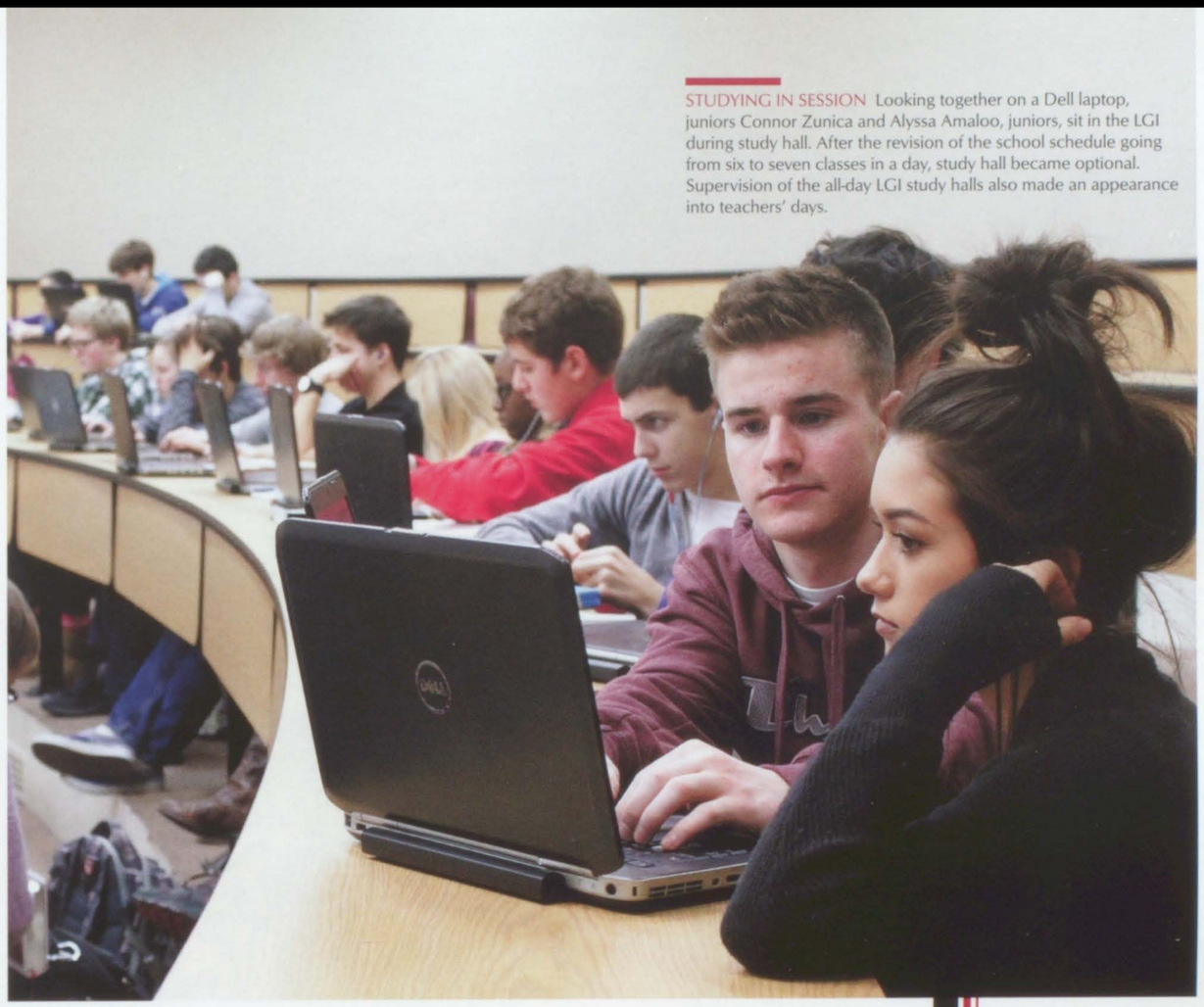
1980 1986 1990 1997

GETTIN' HOT IN HERE Interrupting Homecoming float build week, a fire began in the North Building's library on the last day of Fire Prevention Week and the night of the Fireman's Ball. Students and Staff endured a year stuffed into random rooms of the South Building during reconstruction. **Photo from *Paragon* '81**

SHOTS TAKEN As they walked away from the nurse's office, students discussed the painful measles shot they had recently received. Due to a Measles outbreak in the Cook, Lake and Porter Counties, it became a requirement for all students, faculty and family members to receive the vaccination. **Photo from *Paragon* '90**

THE TEMPORARY VENICE Paddling down the street, many Munster residents became creative when finding ways to gather items from flooded houses. The flood occurred after the levees bordering Wicker Park failed. The community came together to help friends and loved ones make it through these hard times. **Photo from *Paragon* '09**

NEVER FORGET After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, students and staff sought out ways to grieve the lives of the fallen. "I saw the tragedy the day before, and I felt so helpless, like everyone else in the world," said Kevin Wadycki, '02. "I felt that giving money would make me feel better because Sept. 11 was such a terrible thing and you felt so bad, you wanted to do something." **Photo and quote from *Paragon* '02**



STUDYING IN SESSION Looking together on a Dell laptop, juniors Connor Zunica and Alyssa Amaloo, juniors, sit in the LGI during study hall. After the revision of the school schedule going from six to seven classes in a day, study hall became optional. Supervision of the all-day LGI study halls also made an appearance into teachers' days.

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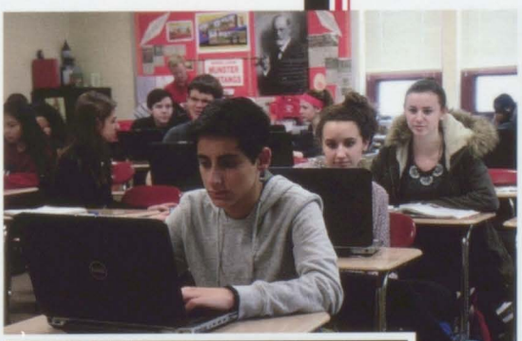


TB TO TYPEWRITERS Going into the '12 school year, students received the Dell laptops for the first time. Unlike the typewriters students used in '68, the laptops had mobility and could be used in nearly every class. **Photo from *Paragon* '68**

WORTH THE WAIT While it took much longer than expected, the completion of the 10 lane Olympic-sized pool came in time to finish off the '11-'12 swimming season. Along with the pool addition came the turf football field, a practice field and more lanes on the track. **Photo from *Paragon* '11**

"What's a fact about you that not many people know?"

Paragon asked, and you answered. We recorded your answers on the pages to follow.

THE VOICE Voice loud and mind focused, Cierra Uribe, senior, auditions for Battle of the Bands. "At first, I didn't audition with a band and was just going to do it individually," Sierra said. "I was a talent act so I was really nervous to perform."

TELLING A STORY

You did not have to conform. You did not have to be perfect. You did not have to be different.

You just had to be you.

The you that created music instead of writing that essay. The you that hiked into the forest to find your geocache. The you that committed to your dream school.

Your identity, your experiences, your ups and downs made who you are and wrote your story.

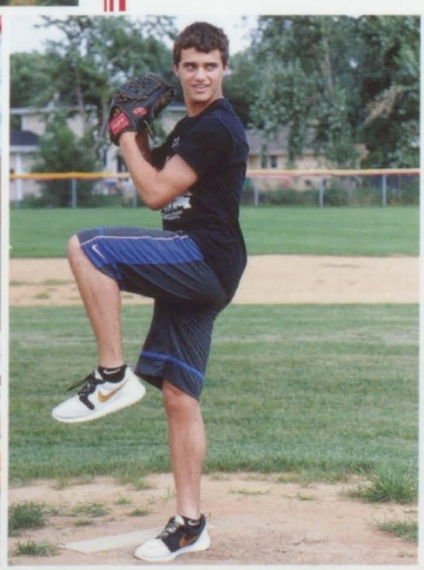
No matter how many inventions were thrown out, no matter how many hours you spent to make your Speech performance perfect, no matter how many times you had to practice your dance routine to get it right, you kept going. You pushed yourself to be the best you could be. You did not let your failures define you. You did not let society define you. You let you define you.

It started with telling a story.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

6 p.m. Peyton Tinder, junior, walked onto the stage at the Boho Theatre in Chicago. She had a couple of minutes until rehearsal began. As she got into character, she recited her lines perfectly the first time and the next. Five hours later, the curtain finally closed and Peyton entered back into reality.

There was a Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday. A biology test on Thursday she needed at least a 90 percent on. She had a math and English test on Wednesday, and she needed to finish all her homework every night, the basic week for Emma Hand, freshman. Nothing she couldn't handle and still get to bed by 10:30 p.m. every night.



FROSTING FROSTY Paintbrush in hand, Emma Prucha, senior, finishes off her gingerbread house. "Overall I (bake) because I love doing so," Emma said. "The happiness people receive from eating or seeing the baked goods make me happy."

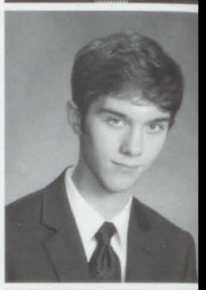
HOT AND READY Serving soft pretzels at the concession stand, Miranda Guerrero, senior, works at Munster Community Pool. "My favorite thing about working at the pool would be being able to work with a lot of my friends and building relationships with the people who work there," Miranda said.

SIGNING UP With a wall of past athletes behind her, Allison Cunningham, senior, continued her swimming career by signing with Indiana University. "(Signing with IU) meant a lot to me," Allison said. "Although the journey that led up to signing was fun, I was relieved to be done."

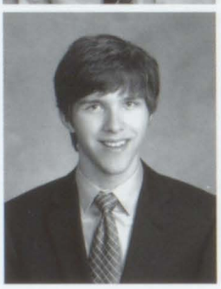
BATTER UP At the mound, Connor Manous, junior, practices his pitching at baseball practice, which he had committed to play at University of Miami. "(Committing) means a lot to me because all the hard work that I put in paid off," Connor said.

Drew Adams: MTC 9-12, Marching Band 9-11, Speech & Debate 12, Spanish Club 9-10, Men's Vocal Ensemble 11-12
Jessica Almasy
James Altgilbers
Jordan Anderson: Softball 9-10, ASL Club 10-12 (President 12), Art Club 9-12 (Vice President 12)
Martin Arellano: Swimming 9, Track & Field 10, Ping Pong Club 12

Joshua Armstrong
Madison Athey
Anna Bachert: Basketball 9, Softball 9-10, Athletic Trainer 10
Mary Bridget Baeza: Swimming 9-12, Civics Club 11, Project X 12, Spanish Club 9-11, CEC 10, SADD 10
Alexander Baker: Speech & Debate 9, Ping Pong Club 9-10, Project X 9-10, Spanish Club 9, *Paragon* 11, *Crier* 12



Maxwell Baker: Speech & Debate 9, Book Club 10-12, *Crier* 11-12 (News Editor 11, Opinion Editor 12), French Club 10-11
Cayla Bales: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), Science Olympiad 10-12
Brian Banach: Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12), Track 9-12 (Captain 12), DECA 10, Civics Club 9-12 (Secretary 10), Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 11-12
Brittany Barajas: Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12), Cross Country 10-12 (Captain 12), CEC 11-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 9-12, Speech 11-12, Best Buddies 9-12, Soccer 9
Blaire Barnett: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12)



new outfit

NEW PERSONALITY

By wearing fangs and dressing in black to look like a vampire students like seniors Alyssa Comer and Domeneque Geron followed the cosplay culture throughout their daily lives

Alyssa Comer, senior, had bandages all over her face. She wore a white outfit covered in blood. With a plastic sword in her hands, she prepared to attack.

One shouldn't be alarmed by Alyssa; she had no real injuries. She simply cosplayed as a nurse from "Silent Hill" for the 2015 Anime Central (ACen) convention. Cosplaying came from the words "costume" and "play" and consisted of individuals dressing up and acting like a fictional character.

"I was into anime and my mom was already sort of a dork, so she got me started," Alyssa said. "I went to my first convention (ACen) with my mom. I was, as embarrassed as I am to admit, cosplaying as Diedara from 'Naruto.'"

Alyssa preferred to cosplay and only act like her character when she performed in a costume contest; however, Domeneque Geron, senior, said that if she had the right outfit she could cosplay whenever she wanted to.

"I cosplayed at both conventions and around town," Domeneque said. "My friends and I would film (YouTube videos) in like Dunkin' Donuts or Target and be in whatever cosplay."

For most of her videos, Domeneque made her costumes.

"I hand-sewed the majority of my costumes," Domeneque said. "One that I worked on was made almost completely out of old t-shirts that I didn't wear anymore."

When deciding what character to dress as, Domeneque often looked for what she could mix and match. Domeneque accumulated quite a bit of costumes since she began cosplaying in eighth grade.

"Cosplay was really addicting at points," Domeneque said. "The only way that it was really addicting was the way that you looked into your closet and saw all these costumes or pieces of costumes and thought 'I could totally wear that petticoat with a pair of jeans.' More than likely it could have escalated to 'I might as well cosplay Ruby Rose today.' Then you took a step outside and realized, it was four degrees below zero, and you were in a skirt."

QUICK BITE Dressed as Marshall Lee the Vampire King from "Adventure Time," Domeneque Geron, senior, cosplays with her friends inside Meatheads. "It only took like ten minutes to do," Domeneque said. "I just had to put on fake fangs and apply a water based body paint."

"Looking back on your yearbook in 50 years, how would you like to be remembered?"
Paragon asked, and seniors responded.

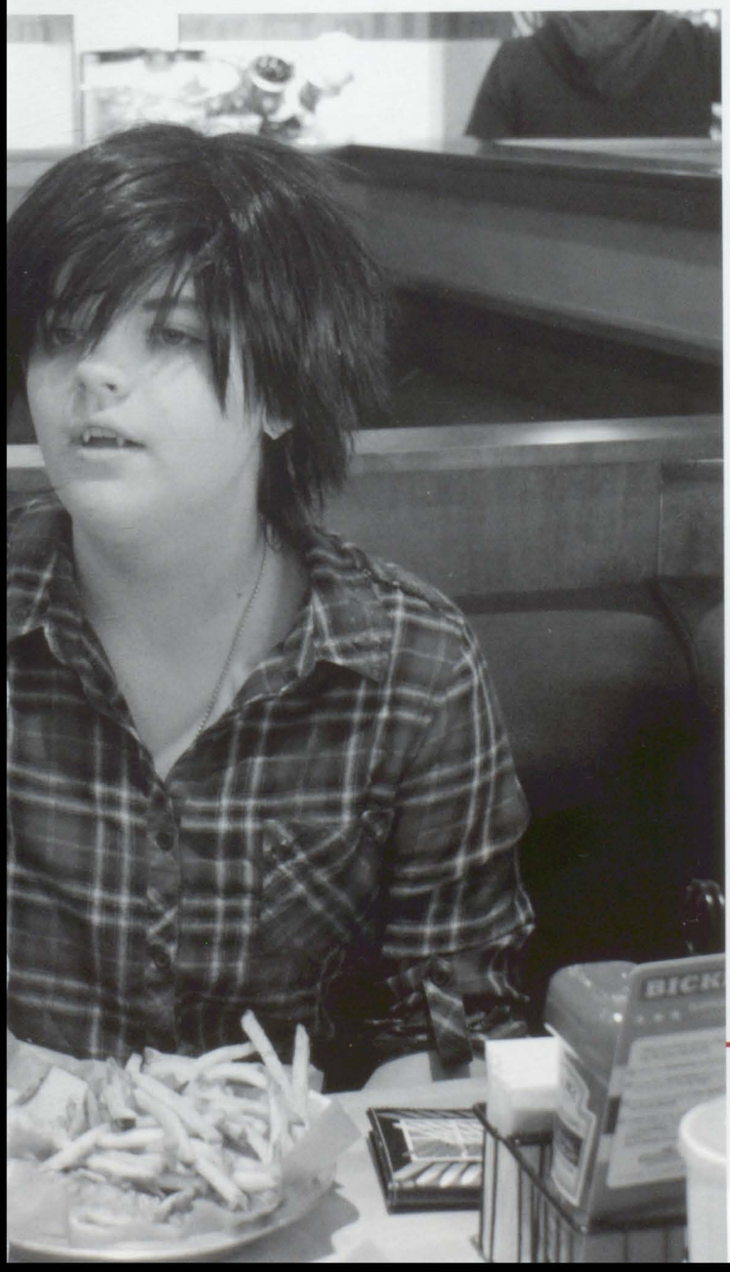
Anna Bachert, 12
Someone who is successful, and achieved everything that I wanted to."

Amanda Brazzle, 12
Someone who was nice to everyone and went out of her way to make everyone laugh."

Kassandra Barraza: Track and Field 11-12, Spanish Club 10-11, ASL Club 10, Ping Pong Club 10, Project X 10
Kaitlin Battista: Volleyball 9-10, Orchestra 9-12, French Club 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, Speech & Debate 11
James Beckman: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 11-12)
Andres Bedolla: Swimming 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Environmental Club 11, Civics Club 11-12
Zahra Bhoy: Orchestra 9, Speech & Debate 9, Project X 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, We the People 11, DECA 9-12, *Paragon* 10-12 (Copy Editor 11, Managing Editor 12)

Natalia Bilek: DECA 9-12, Track 9-10, NHS 11-12, *Paragon* 10-12 (Chief Photographer 11, Head Photographer 12), *Crier* 12 (Head Photographer 12)
George Bissias
Nicholas Bleza: Track 9-12 (Captain 12), German Club 10-12, Science Olympiad 12
Jacob Bobeck: Auditorium Staff 9-12, MTC 9-11, Robotics 10-11, Speech & Debate 9
Casey Boelt: Track and Field 9-12 (Captain 12), DECA 10-11, Project X 9-11, ASL Club 9-12, Athletic Trainer 9, Environmental Club 11

Samual Bratton
Amanda Brazzle: Track 9, Ping Pong Club 9-10
Isiah Brooks
Jacob Brown
Addison Bryce



costume *adventure* time

Using YouTube and an iPhone as a camera, Domeneque Geron, senior, and her friends created videos of themselves cosplaying in their costumes

DRESSED FOR DINNER In a blonde wig and bunny ears hat Emily Flynn, junior, cosplays as Fionna from "Adventure Time." Sitting next to her, Domeneque Geron, senior, dresses as Marshall Lee the Vampire King. "Our cosplay theme that we had was 'Adventure Time,'" Domeneque said. "We liked to film our videos just for fun. We went to random places and filmed."

READY, SET, ACTION Laptop in hand Domeneque Geron, senior, views the videos on her YouTube channel for cosplaying. "Our YouTube Channel, Uptown Amateurz, had some videos of us," Domeneque said.

Sarah Hendrix, 12
The girl who Drake wrote songs about."

Ryan Kritzer, 12
I would like to be remembered as one of the best runners from Munster."

Allison Levin, 12
As someone who doesn't care how they're remembered."

Jordan Cole, 12
I want to be remembered as someone who was determined to succeed."

Michael Buchalo: Marching Band 9-12, Wind Ensemble 9-12, Pep Band 9-12
Stephanie Bulow: Cheerleading 9-10, DECA 12, SADD 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Project X 9-12, NHS 12
Patrick Burke: Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12
Brooke Butler
Paulo Campos

Arthur Carey: Spanish Club 9-12, Spell Bowl 9-12 , Speech & Debate 9-11 , Best Buddies 11, Basketball Club 9-12, Project X 12, Intermediate Choir 10-11, Track & Field 9-12, DECA 12 , Ping Pong Club 9-12
Xavier Carrizales
Saptarshi Chakraborty
Rohan Chatterjee
Chetan Chauhan: DECA 9-12 (Secretary 12), Speech & Debate 9-12, Tennis 10-12, We the People 11, JETS 9-12, CEC 11, Orchestra 9-10, Academic Super Bowl 9-10, NHS 11-12

Timothy Chavez: Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12), Cross Country 9-12
Andy Chen
Matthew Childs: Football 9-12, Soccer 9, Basketball 9-10, Baseball 9-12, TEAMS 12, NHS 11-12
Balashwethan Chockalingam: Science Olympiad 9-12, TEAMS 9-12, DECA 9-12, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 10, Academic Super Bowl 9-12
Aurianna Chopin

Emily Chorazyczewski
Nia Clark: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Secretary 12), ASL Club 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Marching Band 9-10, Color Guard 9-10
Jordan Cockrum: Spanish Club 9-11, Best, Buddies 9, DECA 10-12 , *Crier* 10-11 (Copy Editor 10, Managing Editor 11), NHS 12
Jordan Cole: Basketball 9-12 (Capitan 10-12), Volleyball 9-10, ASL Club 11-12, Project X 11
Jacob Comanse: Swimming & Diving 9-12

jam SESSION

Beginning at a young age, Pharez Israel, senior, created music and now aims to turn his passion into a career

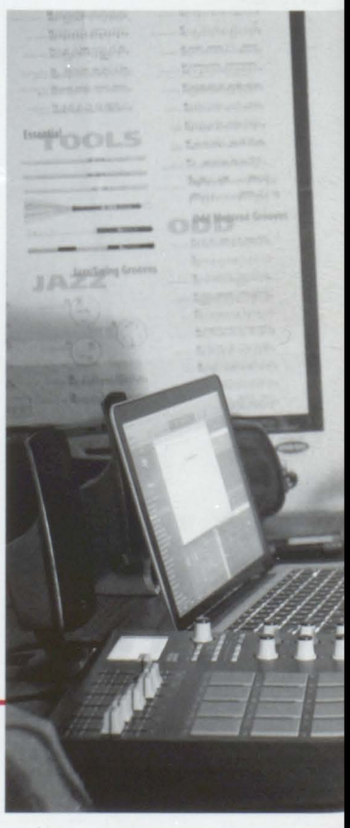
Logic ProX, a music software, running; basic beat plug-ins created, then details added in until a hip hop song was born.

For Pharez Israel, senior, music meant more than just listening to a favorite Spotify playlist or radio station. He creates music based off those heard on those playlists and radios. Since a young age, Pharez's life involved music, which eventually led him to his greatest feat yet: interning at J.R Hutson's music production company where he did maintenance work, worked on his own music and gained production experience.

"(Music) pushed me to do something with myself—to not just give back to my family but also others," Pharez said. "I think of music as a place of tranquility where I can put myself into. It really takes me away from reality. I can sit back and not think of the harshness of the world."

After many years of experience, music became a part of Pharez. He used his past and his passion to create something memorable. With his current ambition and drive to make it big in the music industry, his plans after making it to the top revolve around giving back to the people who helped him reach his goal.

"I really just want to make a name for myself," Pharez said. "I'm not into the whole fame thing. I want to be prominent in giving back to the community, because I grew up in a kind of a rough neighborhood and I want to come back and create an opportunity for others such as myself who are just trying to do the same thing."



MIXING IT UP In his home studio, Pharez Israel, senior, works on his latest project. "My mother was always into gospel music," Pharez said. "My brother rapped as well, so that really influenced my work."

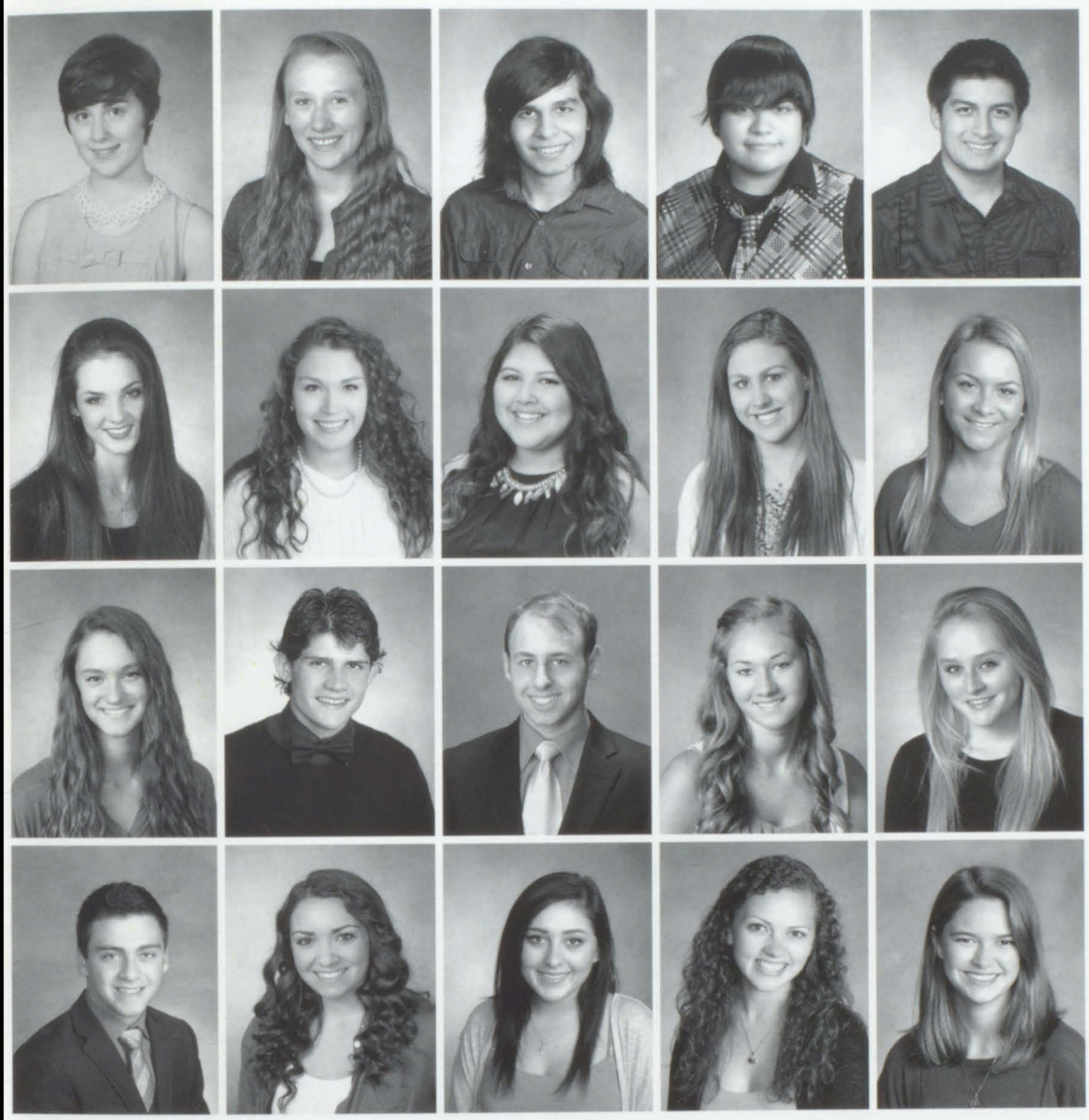
"

Amanda Mooney, 12
If I'm remembered for having done a few good things, and if my presence here has sparked some good energies, that's plenty."

James Murphy, 12
As the world's best grandpa."

Christian Poulos, 12
It doesn't matter how anyone remembers me. In 50 years everyone will know me anyway because I will either be their boss or a household name."

Emily Ramos-Niaves, 12
(I want to be remembered as) a loyal and trusted friend, as well as a hard working person and student."

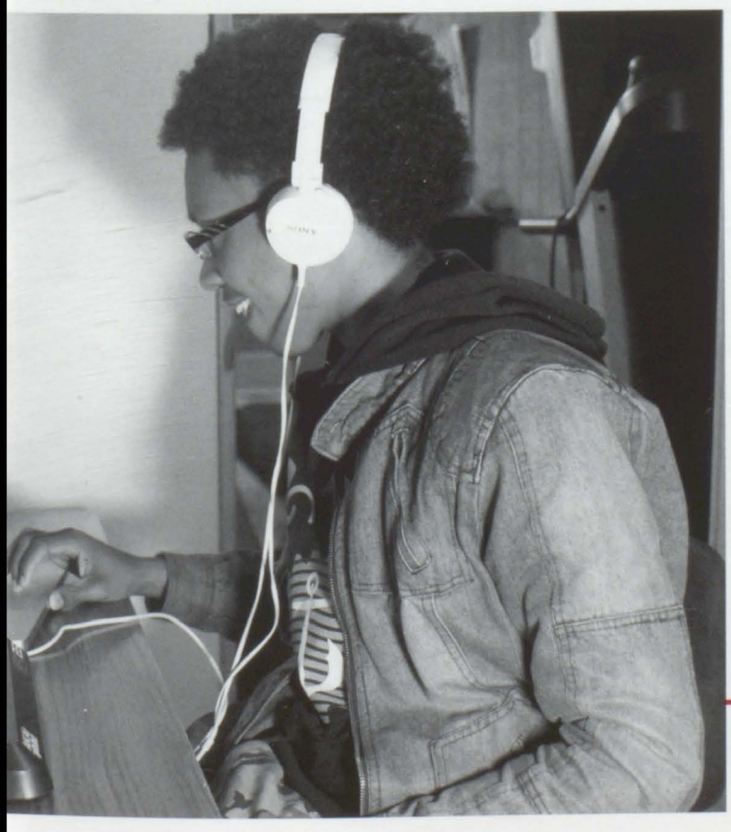


Alyssa Comer: Robotics 9-12 (Secretary 10)
Danielle Conger
Cristian Cornejo
Christina Cortez
Ethan Courtney: Speech & Debate 11-12, MTC 10-12, ASL Club 12, Ping Pong Club 12

Briana Crowe: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 9-10, 12), Project X 10-12, DECA 10-12, Swimming & Diving 9, SADD 10-11, Science Olympiad 12, Best Buddies 10-12, We the People 11, NHS 11-12
Courtnee Cruz: Band 9-11, Ping Pong Club 9-10, Project X 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, French Club 9-11, German Club 9
Caroline Cuellar
Allison Cunningham
Cassidy Cusick

Antonia DalleCarbonare: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12), Track and Field 9-12 (Captain 12), CEC 11-12, French Club 9-12
Thomas Decero: Football 11-12, Baseball 11-12, Project X 12
Charles DeCesaris: Speech & Debate 9-12, Academic Super Bowl 9-12, We The People 11, Project X 9-12, French Club 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, NHS 11-12
Jamie Deja: ASL Club 9-11, STAND 9-12 (Co-President 11-12)
Elena Dekker

James Delis
Elizabeth Della Rocco
Gianna Demase
Laurel Demkovich: *Paragon* 11-12 (Editor-in-chief 12), French Club 9-11, Speech & Debate 10-11, Project X 9, MTC 9-12
Hannah Dempsey: Swimming 9-12, Track Manager 9-12, ASL Club 11-12 (Public Relations), NHS 11-12, Project X 10-11, Art Club 9-10



beat by beat

Pharez Israel, senior, demonstrates the use of his music production controller to make music

SLIDERS
"Changes volume and assists with dynamics."

PADS
"Pressed to produce a sound. Each is assigned to a different instrument."

PRESET
"Can change the tempo, make notes repeat, change between octaves, change dynamics, etc."

CONTROL
"Chops songs already made and turns them into new songs. Has a time division button to change the time signature."

Source: Pharez Israel, senior

Peyton Puckett, 12
By making an impact on future students."

Nikki Smith, 12
I would like to be remembered as a fun-loving individual that loved life and all it has to offer."

Sarah Smolinski, 12
I would like to be remembered as the girl who was never called Sarah, but was always called Smo and that includes teachers and coaches as well."

Sam Speckhard, 12
A nice guy that everybody could get along with."

Justin Woodward, 12
"As someone who didn't participate in a ton of extracurricular activities, but that didn't matter because I was enlisted in the Navy.

Garrett Zuck, 12
"I want to be remembered as a part of one of the most successful graduating classes in Munster history. I hope that the academic teams and musical ensembles that I have been a part set the precedent for future generations' success.

William Hatczel, 12
"I would like to be remembered for my kindness towards other people. I hope people smile when they remember me.

Michael Portone, 12
"In 50 years I'd like to be remembered in high school that almost everyone liked. I know this isn't true, but that's how I'd like to be remembered.

Mary Bridget Baeza, 12
"I would like to be remembered as someone who was always kind to others and always put other people before myself. I want to be remembered as a dedicated student and someone who was involved in many different organizations throughout the school.

Kassandra Barraza, 12
"People perceive me to be shy, but those that know me would say that I'm someone who truly cares about everyone, young and old; the type of person that makes a difference in others' lives and makes a difference in my own life as well. I want to be remembered as one of those people who are kind to others and a good listener.

Aron Panas, 12
"I would like to be remembered as someone who thought outside the box, and positively stuck out from the rest.

cutting EDGE TECHNOLOGY

Ever since age four, Zach Keslin, senior, took an interest in certain technological activities

With all the pieces in front of him, Zach Keslin, senior, attempted to replace the case on his computer. After he started putting the pieces back together, his motherboard started beeping. An hour later, Zach realized everything went wrong. He just fried his motherboard.

"That was how I blew a few hundred dollars for a simple mistake," Zach said. "I cred it up as a $300 learning experience. If you have to learn the hard way, then you should."

Zach's interest in technology began as a child with influence from his dad.

"My dad is a computer programmer, and from age four, there has always just been a computer that I played around with," Zach said. "(My interest in technology) probably has a lot do with my dad, but a lot of it has to do with my self-curiosity with technology."

With guidance from his dad, Zach learned how to properly fix computers. Since then, Zach fixed computers for his friends and compiled parts together to make his own computers, which can take around three hours.

"I'll order parts online and put everything together," Zach said. "It's a lot of plug and chug. You have to put yourself through it for a couple hours. After the first time, it's just muscle memory."

Along with experimenting with computers, Zach's interest in technology expanded to anything from video games to creating things with a 3D printer.

"I kind of just build projects and make cool things and try to repurpose things," Zach said.

out of this *dimension*

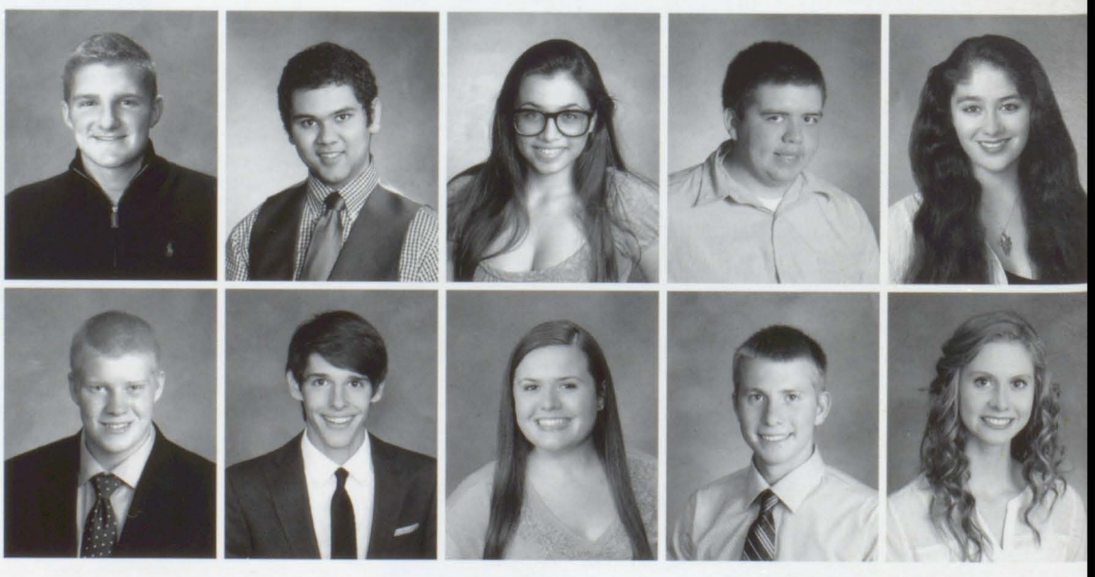
By using PLA plastic Zach Keslin, senior, created various everyda items with his 3D printer, which could take up to several hours

Pen holder: 6 hours

Fox: 8 hours

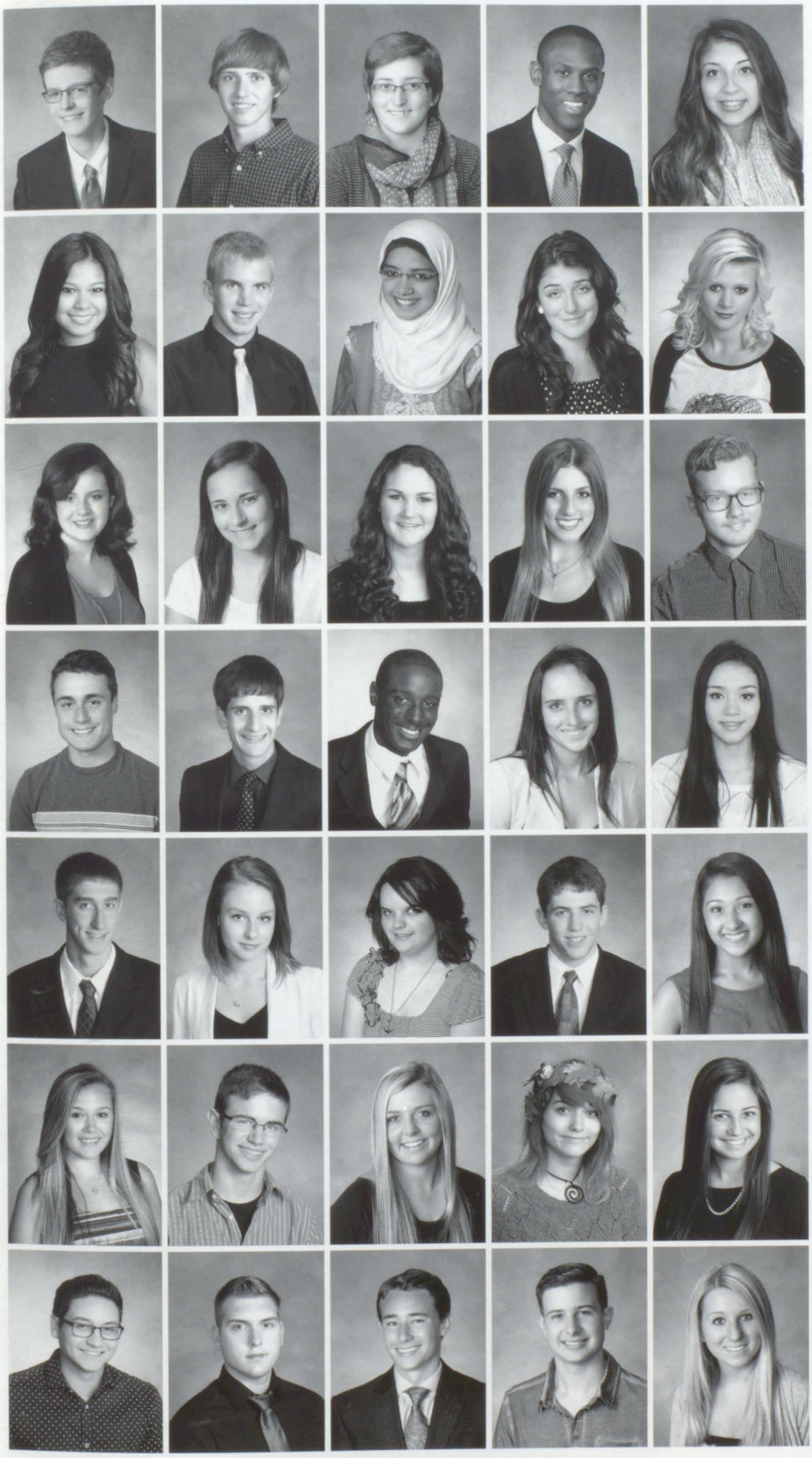
Mustang keychain: 30 minutes for 8

IN THE ZONE At his house, Zach Keslin, senior, pulls up the software on his computer to create an item with his 3D printer. As for the future, Zach remains unsure of what he wants to pursue. "A part of me wants to go into computer science, another wants to go into engineering and another wants to go into business," Zach said. "I think with a wide set of skills, I can go into any one and be happy."



Dylan DeYoung: Football 9-10, Wrestling 9-12 (Captain 11-12)
Vijai Kumar Dharla: Speech & Debate 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, MTC 9-11, DECA 10-12, GSA 12 (VP 12), Academic Super Bowl 10, We the People 12
Damarys Diaz
Elias Diaz
Brianna Dittmer

Jordan Dixon
Stevan Djuric: Soccer 9-12
Maureen Doherty: Volleyball 9-12, Project X 9-10, Best Buddies 9-12, Song 11-12, MTC 10-12, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 10-12
Andrew Dorn: Tennis 9-12, Ping Pong Club 11, Orchestra 9-12
Elise Dorn: Cross Country 9-10, Track 9, DECA 10-12 (Executive Vice President 12), Spanish Club 9-11, French Club 10, German Club 10, Speech 9-11, Project X 10-11, Orchestra 9-11 (Secretary 11)



Bryan Dublak: Ping Pong Club 9-10, French Club 10-11
James Eaton
Chelsea Eickleberry: MTC 9-12, *Crier* 11-12, Poetry Club 9, GSA 12
Austin Eiland: Basketball 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, NHS 11-12, STAND 9-12, Best Buddies 12
Rayanna Evans: Project X 12, Best Buddies 11-12

Sierra Falcon
Scott Farley: Cross Country 10-12, Track & Field 10-12, We The People 12, DECA 10, Science Olympiad 11, ASL Club 11-12
Bushra Fatima
Tessa Faubion: Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, German Club 10-12 (Publisher 12)
Julia Fields: ASL Club 11-12

Michelle Fies: ASL Club 11-12
Jessica Flores: Soccer 9-12, Basketball 9, Spanish Club 9-10, ASL Club 10, Best Buddies 11-12, SADD 11-12
Victoria Foster: Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12), Art Club 9-12 (Secretary 12), Spanish Club 9-11, CEC 9-12, NHS 11-12
Gianna Fotopoulos: Project X 10-12 (Public Relations 11), Dance 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, SADD 10-12
Ian Frankland

Nicolas Fromm
Kevin Fuhs
Lawrence Gaines: CEC 11-12, Football 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9
Erin Gallagher: Best Buddies 10-12, Soccer 9-12, Basketball 9, *Crier* (Sports Editor) 12
Isabel Garcia

Joseph Gardner: Spanish Club 9-10, Environmental Club 11, Civics Club 10-12, ASL Club 12 (VP 12), Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain 10-12)
Maggie Gerber: Dance 9-12, Best Buddies 9-12, Project X 9-12
Domeneque Geron: Robotics 10-11 (Publicity and Fundraising 11) , Best Buddies 9, SADD 9, French Club 11, German Club 10-11 (Publicity 11)
Andrew Getting
Prabhneet Girn: Student Government 9-12, Cross Country 9-11, Track & Field 9-10, Marching Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, DECA 9-12, German Club 9-12, Project X 9-10, We the People 11

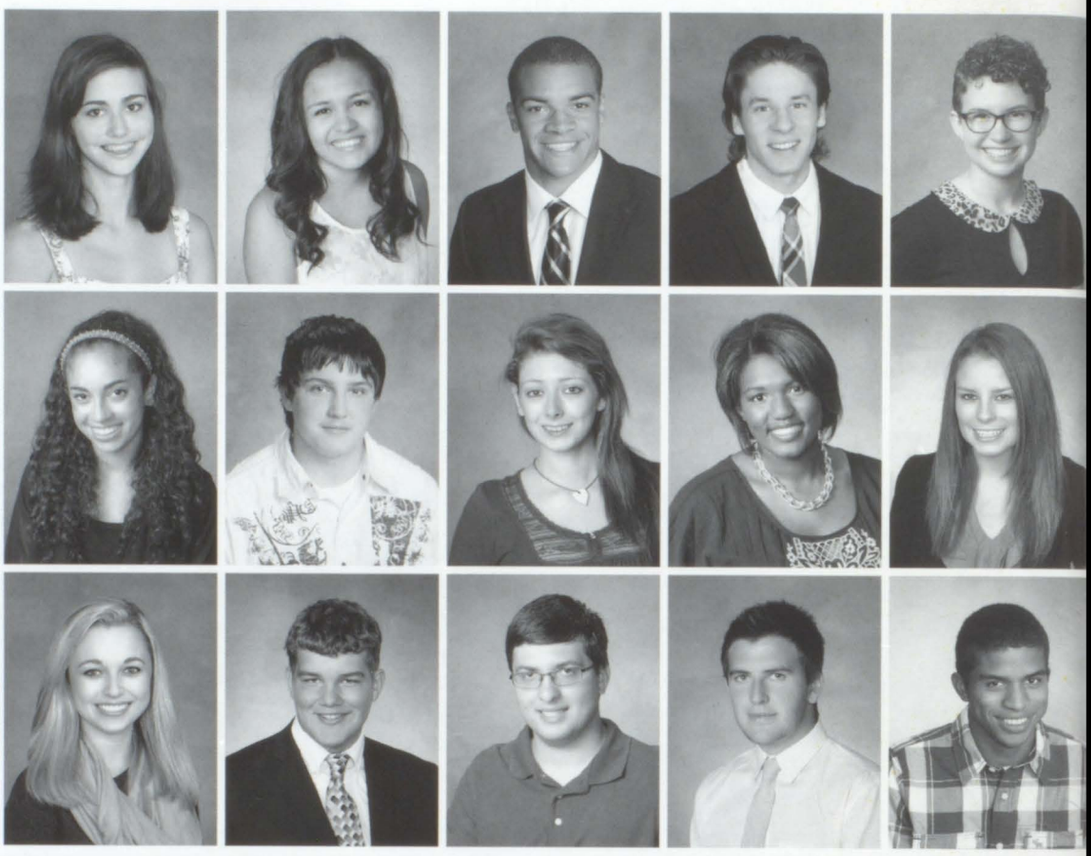
Molly Gish
Ryan Glasen: Wrestling 9-12, SADD 9-12
Kaitlynn Gloff: Dance 9, Softball 9-12, NHS 11-12
Alisha Gonsiorowski
Kathleen Gonzales: Cross Country 10-12 (Captain 12), CEC 9-12, Women's Vocal Ensemble 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-12, Track and Field 9-11, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-11, DECA 9, Art Club 9, MTC 9, Ping Pong Club 9, SADD 9

Jeremy Gonzalez
Andrew Grabelle
Daniel Green: Student Government 10-12 (Public Relations 11; President 12), DECA 11-12 (VP of Social Activities), Soccer 9-12, We the People 11 (Historian), Speech & Debate 10-11, Academic Super Bowl 10-12, JETS 10-12, NHS 11-12, Civics Club 11-12 (Secretary 11), Project X 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, German Club 12, HOSA 12
Richard Greep: DECA 12, Speech & Debate 11-12, Ping Pong Club: 9
Jessica Grimmer

Jordan Grinstead: Dance 10-11 (Captain 11), Color Guard 12, Spanish Club 10, ASL Club 10-11
Miranda Guerrero: Student Government 9, MTC 9, Soccer 9-10, Track & Field 10-12, Cross Country 11-12, CEC 10, Project X 11-12, ASL Club 10-12, Best Buddies 10-12
Seth Gutwein: Football 10-12 (Leadership Council 11-12, Captain 12) Track and Field 10, 12
Drew Hackett Basketball 9-12, Golf 11-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12
Emily Hammermeister: Concert Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, German Club 9-11, Track & Field 9-10, Environmental Club 12, Envirothon 12, NHS 11-12

Dana Handler: Speech & Debate 9-10, Best Buddies 9-12 (VP 12), Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12, Tennis 9-10
Bradley Hargrove
Brittany Hargrove
Quinn Harris: DECA 12, Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 9-10), Spanish Club 9-11
Erin Harvath: Cross Country 10-12 (Captain 12), Science Olympiad 10-12, JETS 11-12, DECA 10-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Project X 9-12, Track & Field 10-11, Swimming & Diving 9-10

Lily Hasler: Dance 9-10, Speech & Debate 11-12, Spanish Club 9
Sean Hasse: Marching Band 9-12, German Club 9-11, Robotics 12, Jazz Band 9-12 Pep Band 11
William Hatczel: *Crier* 10-12 (Sports Editor 11, Editor-in-Chief/Managing Editor 12)
Michael Hayes: Basketball 9-11, ASL Club 10-12
Melios Heath



work day *checklist*

When taking part in potentially dangerous activities such as welding, students had to keep certain things in mind

SHOW AND TELL As he explains the Welding program at the Area Career Center (ACC), Connor Bubash, junior, takes part in the ACC Open House. "I joined the Career Center because I didn't like traditional schooling, and I liked to be hands-on," Connor said.

1. Always wear welding hood.
2. Always wear proper clothing.
3. Wear boots.
4. Check for frayed wiring or welding machine.
5. Always be aware of surroundings.

Source: Connor Bubash, junior

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Madison O'Dea, 12
As a kind, compassionate individual who treated everyone with love and respect."

Chelsea Eickleberry, 12
I'd like to be remembered as someone who was very close to their friends and managed a good balance of hard work and good fun."

Walker Hedgepath: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Secretary 12), Academic Superbowl 9-12 (Captain 10-12), Civics Club 9-12 (President 10, 12), We the People 12 (Captain 12), DECA 9, 11-12, Project X 11-12, NHS 11-12
Carl Hehemann: Tennis 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10
Nicole Heiniger: Tennis 9-12, Student Government 10-12, NHS 11-12, DECA 9-11, Project X
Jacob Helmer: Football 9-12, Basketball 9
Allison Hemingway: Theatre 9-12 (VP 12), Speech & Debate 10-12 (VP 12), ASL Club 11-12 (Secretary 12), CEC 9-12, S.O.N.G. 11-12, DECA 10, Ping Pong Club 9-10, German Club 9-10, Volleyball 9, Art Club 9-10

Sarah Hendrix: Speech & Debate 12, Best Buddies 12, Poetry Club 12
Rainy Herakovich
Ariana Hernandez
Jessica Hernandez
Megan Hernandez: Softball 9-10, French Club 9-11

Jacqueline Herrera
Jared Hill
Danielle Hladek: DECA 9, Volleyball 9-10, Basketball 9, Track 10, NHS 11-12
Xavier Hofferth-Pettis
John Hulsey: Spanish Club 9-10, ASL Club 11-12, Football 9-12, Baseball 9, Basketball 9-12

shaping THE FUTURE

In order to become more career-ready, many juniors and seniors decided to attend the Area Career Center (ACC)

For most students, the ending of third period signifies the beginning of four more hours of school. For certain juniors and seniors, however, third period bell meant the end of their school day and the beginning of their internship at the Area Career Center (ACC).

"(Going to the ACC) was a lot better than school because you got to choose which class you wanted," Jake Bobeck, senior, said. "Ninety percent of the time it was more hands-on than desk learning."

Jake took part in the Multimedia Broadcast Academy. After realizing there was no class at Munster that did exactly what he wanted to do, Jake decided to try the ACC.

"I tried film and fell in love with post-production and editing," Jake said. "For my class, we actually grabbed cameras, went out and filmed and came back and edited together in class."

After hearing about the ACC through a friend of her mom's, Tess Talabay, senior, decided to try the Cosmetology program. By the end of her senior year, Tess became a licensed cosmetologist.

"I decided to go to the Career Center because I began to get interested in all things beauty, especially hair and makeup," Tess said. "There were not any classes (at Munster) that really relate to what I do at the Career Center because doing hair is very hands-on and doing classwork was only a small part of the program."

COMB OVER Giving her friend Dakota Talley, senior, a hair cut, Tess Talabay, senior, practices the skills she learned at the Area Career Center. "The course is definitely an option for someone who wants to further pursue their interest in the beauty industry, but they need to be committed because it isn't for everyone," Tess said.

Richard Parra, 12
I want to be remembered that I was a good person and a pleasure to be around."

Mikey Jimenez, 12
I would like to be remembered as caring, funny and outgoing."

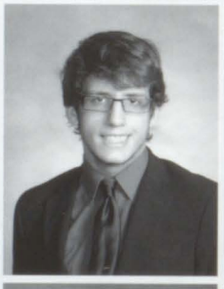
Samuel Rosser, 12
As the kid who wore skinny jeans."

Oluwagbemisola Ibikunle: DECA 10, Spell Bowl 9-12 , Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12), Project X 11-12, NHS 11-12 (President 12)
Pharez Israel: Poetry Club 10-12 (President 12), Auditorium Staff 10, Project X 11-12, Marching Band 9, Football 9, Ping Pong Club 9
Michael Jackson
Rachel Jamrose: Women's Vocal Ensemble 9-12, MTC 9-12, Speech & Debate 10-12, SADD 9-12 (Leadership Team 11-12), Project X 11, Ping-Pong Club 9, Volleyball 9-10 (Captain 9), NHS 12
Michael Jimenez: Soccer (12)

William Johnsen: Football 12
Joseph Johnston
Carolyn Jones: Swimming & Diving 9, ASL club 10-12, Speech & Debate 12
Rachel Jones: DECA 10-11, Golf 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Basketball 9, We The People 11, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 12
Abigail Jurado: French Club 9-12 (Officer 9-11), STAND 10-12, Color Guard 11-12

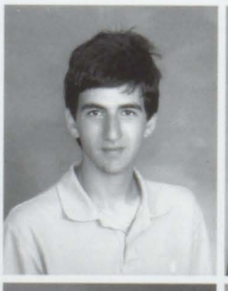
George Jurincie
Nikolas Kajmakoski: Soccer 9-12
Revati Kalluri: Speech Team 9-12, Basketball 9, Golf 10, DECA 11-12, Orchestra (VP) 9-12, CRY (President) 11-12, French Club 9-12
Rohini Kalluri
Niki Kamalipour

Sydney Kawalec: Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain 12), French Club 9-12 (President 11-12), DECA 10-12, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
Carly Kennedy: CEC 9, DECA 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Swimming 9-11, Track & Field 9-11
Zachary Keslin: Robotics 9-12 (Vice President 10-11, Head of Publicity 12), Diving 10-11
Brett Kessler
Ayesha Khan: Speech 9-11, Track 9, Cross Country 10, DECA 10-12, SADD 10-12, Project X 10-12, We the People 11, CEC 10-12, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 11-12



Momnah Khan
Natalie Klys
Gage Knor
Sai Sripad Kodukula
Nicholas Kotz

Taylor Kotzo: Softball 9-12
Lauren Koultourides: *Paragon* 11-12 (Chief Photographer 12), DECA 11-12, Project X 11 (Public Relations 11), Cheerleading 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, French Club 11, Student Government 10-12 (Secretary 12), Speech 10-11, SADD 10, Poetry Club 12
Demetri Kounelis
Ziyad Kraft
Ryan Kritzer: Cross Country 9-12, Track & Field 9-12



Melanie Krueger: *Paragon* 12, Soccer 9-12, Basketball 9, SADD 10-12, Best Buddies 10-12
Christian Kruse
Adam Kulam
Amanda Kvasnica: DECA 10-12, Best Buddies 10-12, Art Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, SADD 10-12, Track & Field 11
Hayley Kwasniewski: Academic Super Bowl 10, Class Executive Council 11, Student Government 12, GSA Club (Secretary 12), MTC 9-12, Science Olympiad (Captain 9-12)

Olivia Laoang: Softball 9-10, ASL Club 12
Maxwell Lawson: Soccer 9-12, Best Buddies 11-12 (Officer 12)
Krysten Leahy: French Club 9-12
Amber Ledonne
Brittany Lee: Spanish Club 9-10, Track & Field 9-10, Project X 9-11, Marching Band 9-12, DECA 9-12

Kyle Lee: Project X 9-12, TEAMS 9-12, Science Olympiad 9-12, Academic Super Bowl 9-11, Orchestra 9-12
Seung Lee: Theatre 9-10, French Club 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9, Poetry Club 11, Track 10-11
Jonathan Lemke
Allison Levin: Band 9-11, Theatre 10-12, Best Buddies 10-12, French Club 9-12, ASL Club 10-12, Project X 9-12, NHS 11-12, Poetry Club 10-12 (Secretary 12)
Marcus Levitan: Tennis 9-12, DECA 10

taking ON THE TIARA

Winning more than just a sash and a crown, Kasey Luehrs, senior, gained self-confidence while embracing her culture

The pressure was on as all the Miss Teen Indiana Latina 2015 Pageant contestants walked out on the stage in lavish dresses. Despite her nerves, Kasey Luehrs, senior and Publications photographer, maintained her ear-to-ear smile. Her heart pounded as they announced the winner. To her disbelief, her name was called out as the crowd erupted into applause.

"I had no words when they called my name," Kasey said. "It was like a dream. The last thing I expected was to win, so I was just focusing on the experience."

The Miss Teen Indiana Latina 2015 pageant had girls ages 14-17 attend a series of events over the course of five months, including public events, interviews and constant outfit changes.

"I had to wear three different outfits on the night of the pageant," Kasey said. "My favorite was one that I had to wear to be dancing the 'Traje Tipico,' the attire of the land you come from, because it really showcased your culture."

However, Kasey did not always have the confidence to dance, talk and perform on a stage in front of hundreds of people. Two years ago, Kasey could hardly handle doing class presentations.

"I do a lot of public speaking and volunteering in the community," Kasey said. "I get to go to a lot of fashion shows and meet and greets. I never was good at presenting or even raising my hand, so to be able to go on stage and earn this amazing title is still unbelievable to me."

FIT FOR A QUEEN Not all girls get a crown put on their head, but Kasey Luehrs, senior, smiles as she receives her Miss Teen Indiana Latina 2015 title. "It was so surreal to hear my name called," Kasey said. "I had no idea I was going to win."

PRIMP AND PRIME Preparing for the pageant, Kasey Luehrs, senior, gets the finishing touches done on her make-up. "It was a day-long procedure and took a lot of preparation," Kasey said. "We were constantly on the move all day."

round the clock

Winning a pageant took a day's work at the Patrician Banquet Center in Schererville, Ind.

6:30 a.m.	Arrive at venue
9:30 a.m.	Practice opening number
12:30 p.m.	Get hair done
2:00 p.m.	Get make-up done
3:30 p.m.	Change into first dress
4:00 p.m.	Pageant begins
4:30 p.m.	Outfit change
5:30 p.m.	Evening gown walk
6:45 p.m.	Judges announced top four
7:30 p.m.	Winner announced
9:00 p.m.	Take pictures and interviews

Source: Kasey Luehrs, senior

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Megan Spence, 12
I would like to be remembered as a positive and happy person who accomplished all goals."

Alex Sullivan, 12
I want to be remembered as a good friend and volleyball player."

David Vogel, 12
I would like to be remembered as a chess player who took school seriously."

Megan Wilkens, 12
I would like to be remembered as a good friend who was always there when needed."

Meredith Simmons, 12
I would like to be remembered as the girl who changed the world."

Joseph Gardner, 12
I would like to be remembered as someone who got along with everyone."

Richard Greep, 12
I want to be remembered as that weird, fun to be around guy that just about always had a smile on his face and would help you out whenever you needed it."

Catherine Arndt, 12
As a friend that was caring, crazy and as an individual."

Mike Rivich, 12
A good guy with mad flow."

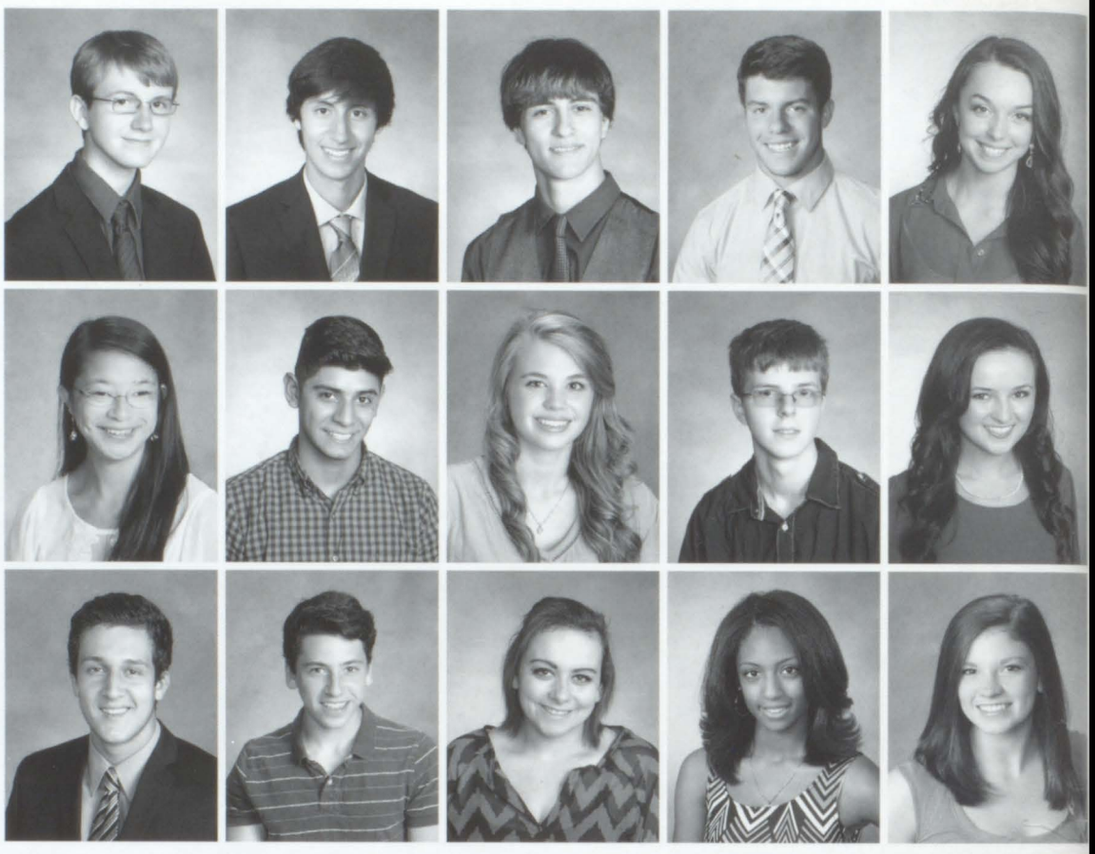
Kelly Mundy, 12
That I'd be content with how I lived my life, to use the yearbook as it should be: to visit the past, not to live in it."

Wish Muangmingsuk,12

Zachary Long Speech & Debate 9-12, NHS 11-12
Emmanuel Lopez
Patrick Losiniecki: Track & Field 11, Jazz Band 10-11, Poetry Club 10, ASL Club 10-11, Football Team 9
Dominic Lucito: Football 9-12, Track & Field 9-12
Kassandra Luehrs: Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain 12), *Paragon* 12

Kelsey Lynch: Color Guard 9-12 (Co-Captain 11-12), Project X 10-12, ASL Club 10-12, Spanish Club 9-10, NHS 12
Gustavo Magana
Shannon Mahoney
Shawn Mahoney
Marymargaret Maloney: DECA 9-12, Speech & Debate 10-12, We the People 11, Project X 9-12 (Secretary 11), NHS 11-12, Volleyball 9-10 (Captain 10), Track 11, Spanish Club 9-11, ASL Club 11-12, SADD 10-12

Nikola Mandic: Basketball 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Project X 12
Benjamin Marcus: DECA 9-12, Ping Pong Club 9, Student Government 9-11, CEC 9-11, Tennis 9-12, Speech & Debate 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, Golf 12, ASL Club 12, SADD 11, Project X 9-10
Christina Margaris
Alexis Mason: Speech & Debate 11-12
Audrey Mayer: Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain 12)



sailing past GRADUATION

From the Navy to the Air Force, college was not always the conventional route for some seniors as they made their choices to commit to a military branch

Most students dreamt about what college they wanted to attend after they graduated high school, but for others, the college life was not something they desired.

Months after her 18th birthday, Amanda Brazzle, senior, joined the Navy in hopes to reach the position of an E6. An E6, also known as a Petty Officer First Class, serves both as a leader and a technical expert.

"For me, it was something that had been in the family, and college was something I didn't want to do," Amanda said.

In order to reach the position of an E6, Amanda left for boot camp in Pensacola, Fla. in July. There, she learned how to be an intelligence technician and work with computers on ships traveling overseas. From there, Amanda tried to work her way up to her desired position of being an E6.

"The higher up you get, the more in charge you are and the more available touchy information is to you," Amanda said. "I hope that I can move quickly through the ranks and gain respect of my peers throughout time, I'm not really on a tight schedule."

Amanda's position at the time was an XO, which was the second-in-command executive officer. This meant that people reported to her every Friday and Monday in order for her to know whether or not they had gotten in trouble to an extent where they could be dismissed from their Navy practices. Then, Amanda reported to her boyfriend, Justin Woodward, senior. Justin was a commanding officer in their delayed entry program.

Balancing school, work and being in the Navy Delayed Entry Program was very exhausting for Amanda, but the support from her friends and family never failed to help her overcome stressful times.

"The help I received from friends and family was amazing," Amanda said. "Especially from my boyfriend, Justin, because he was going through all of this with me too, so he completely understood."

YOU AND WHAT ARMY Building up his endurance for the army, Jake Bobeck, senior, trains at Centennial Park. "My great grandfather was in World War II which started the push for me to join," Jake said. "Then I looked into the lifestyle of the army and I liked the strict schedule and always having something to do whether it was PT (physical training) or job skills. I also wanted to serve my country."

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Maggie Gerber, 12
I want to be proud of what I accomplished in high school."

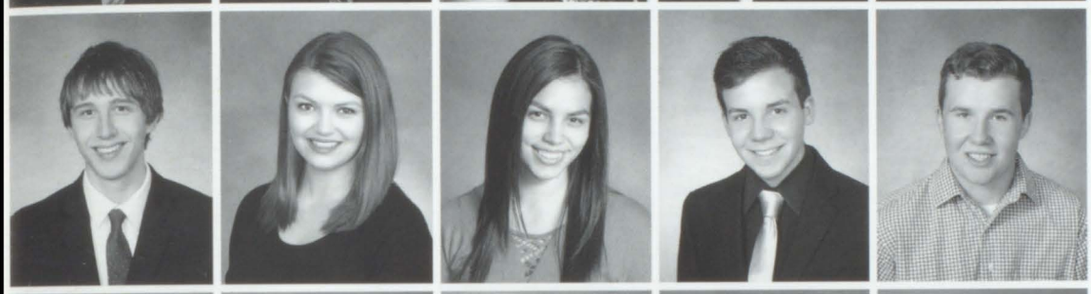
Joshua Peters, 12
That I passed high school realizing it wasn't as bad as others had made it out to be."

Kellyn Whaley, 12
I would like to be remembered that I just made it through high school, and I survived."

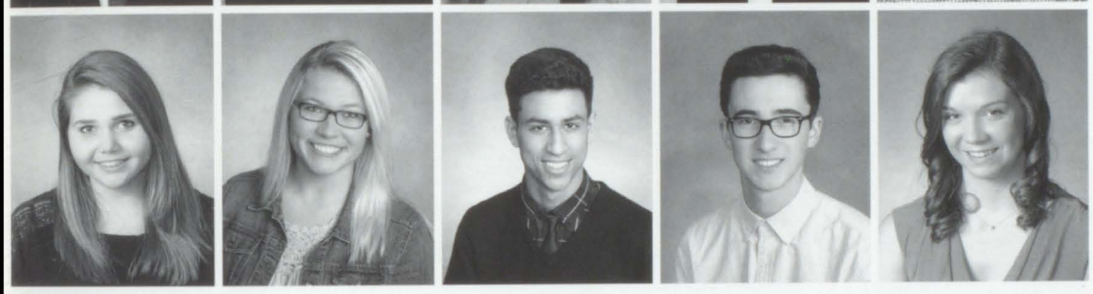
Dynasty Harmon, 12
I would like to be remembered as very charismatic and funny."

Shawn Mahoney, 12
I want to be remembered for my creativity."

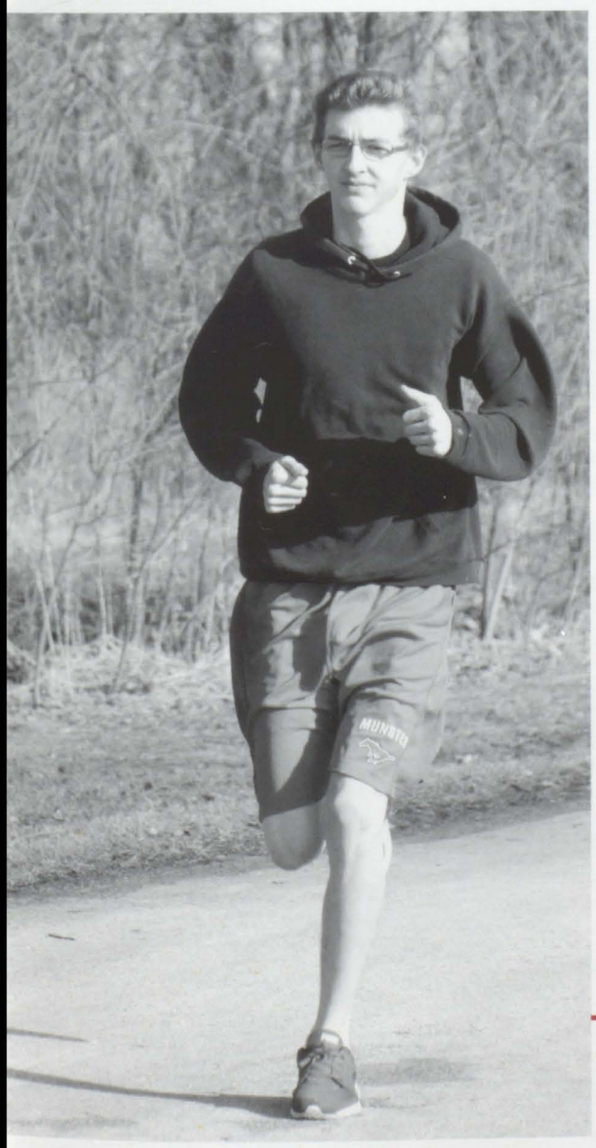
Brendan McCarthy
William McDunn: Speech & Debate 10-12, MTC 9-12 (VP 12), Marching Band 9-11 Chorale 11-12, Men's Vocal Ensemble 12, NHS 11-12
Emily McNamara
Garrett McShea
Robert Medwetz



Alexander Megremis
Taylor Merkel: Science Olympiad 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Swimming 9-11, MTC 12, SONG 12, TEAMS 11-12, Academic Super Bowl 10-11 (Squad Captain 11), French Club 9-11, Project X 9-10
Miranda Mihalic: Softball 9, Basketball 9-12
Lucas Milkovich
Bret Miller



Alexandria Milne
Nicole Mirowski: Project-X 11-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Ping Pong Club 9, French Club 9-10
Ashraf Mohamed
Mark Montalbano Phelps
Amanda Mooney: Volleyball 9-10, ASL Club 11-12



military fun facts

Many military branches were available for students who wanted to serve their country

Navy

+ After pirate attacks on trade routes in 1794, importance of a strong Navy was needed
+ Navy training begins with seven to nine weeks of boot camps in Great Lakes, Ill.
+ Provides a regular salary, health care and occupational training to all its members

Air Force

+ Declared an official combatant arm in 1920
+ Relies on mechanics, electronics technicians, air traffic controllers and medical staff
+ Recruits train to develop the discipline, confidence and skills to grow into Airmen

Army

+ Founded in 1775, the army is the oldest branch of the U.S. Military
+ Has permanent stations in Asia, Europe and the Middle East
+ Soldiers receive health care, housing, food and educational benefits

Marine Corps

+ Core values are honor, courage and commitment
+ Today, 187,891 Marines are stationed around the world at all times
+ Must be between 18 & 29 years old and have a high school diploma to join

Coast Guard

+ Life-Saving Service & Revenue Cutter Service combined to form the Coast Guard in 1915
+ 40,347 active members perform search & rescue and environmental cleanup operations
+ Basic training takes place in Cape May, N.J., and lasts for eight weeks

Source: todaysmilitary.com

Alana Moore, 12
I would like to be remembered as a fun, hardworking person."

Emily Rada, 12
I would like to be remembered as friendly, kind and positive."

Emily Chorazyczewski, 12
I would like to be remembered as someone who did what they were supposed to."

Zahra Moreno
Joshua Morris
Kelly Mundy
James Murphy Cross Country 9-12, Track & Field 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12 (Public Relations 11-12), NHS 11-12
Tegan Murphy

Ryan Myers
Lara Natonski: Spanish Club 10-12, French Club 11-12, Project X 11-12, SADD 11-12, NHS 11-12
Randy Nava: Football 9-12, Track & Field 9
David Nix
Madison O`Dea: MTC 9-12, Speech Team 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10

Catherine Oesterle: DECA 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-11, Pep Band 9-12, Environmental Club 12 (President), NHS 11-12, Envirothon 12
Mahmoud Ojel: Football 12, Track & Field 12, *Paragon* 12, Ping-Pong Club 12
Jacob Opat: Spanish Club 9,11-12, SADD 9-12, Environmental Club 12 (Secretary 12), Envirothon 12
Rosalio Ornelas
Adam Ostoich: Basketball 9-12, Football 9-12, Golf 12, NHS 11-12

Aron Panas: Project X 10-11, Spanish Club 9-12, Environmental Club 12, ASL Club 12
Richard Parra: Football 9-12, Project X 9-11, Spanish Club 9, Baseball 9-12
Vrusha Patel: Speech & Debate 9; Robotics 9; *Crier* 9-12 (Infocus Editor 10, News Editor and Business Manager 11, Editor-in-chief 12);
Deepali Patil: Band 9-12, Academic Spell Bowl 9-12, DECA 10-12, Project X 11
Jacob Paulsen

doctors IN TRAINING

Seniors Prabhneet Girn and Sai Sripad Kodukula reflected on their experiences and interests within the medical field

When Sai Sripad Kodukula, senior, lost his uncle to lung cancer, it inspired him to be a doctor. This summer, Sripad researched cancer treatment at the University of Kentucky.

"School helped me further my interest in medicine through classes like AP Biology and Anatomy," Prabhneet said. "I have found that I enjoy learning how and why the human body functions."

During his time at UK, Sripad, his team and Professor Dr. Kimberly Anderson made a step towards finding the cure for cancer. Sripad continued his interest in medicine through love of fundamentals of medicine and the end results—helping others.

"It was one of my dreams to help the people because growing up in India, I saw a lot of people having that need for a nice doctor or just advanced technological medicine," Sripad said.

SOLVE IT Mixing chemicals to form a solution, Jai Dharla, senior, took AP Chemistry as a precursor to medical school. "For many chemistry labs, I was expected to figure things out for myself," Jai said.

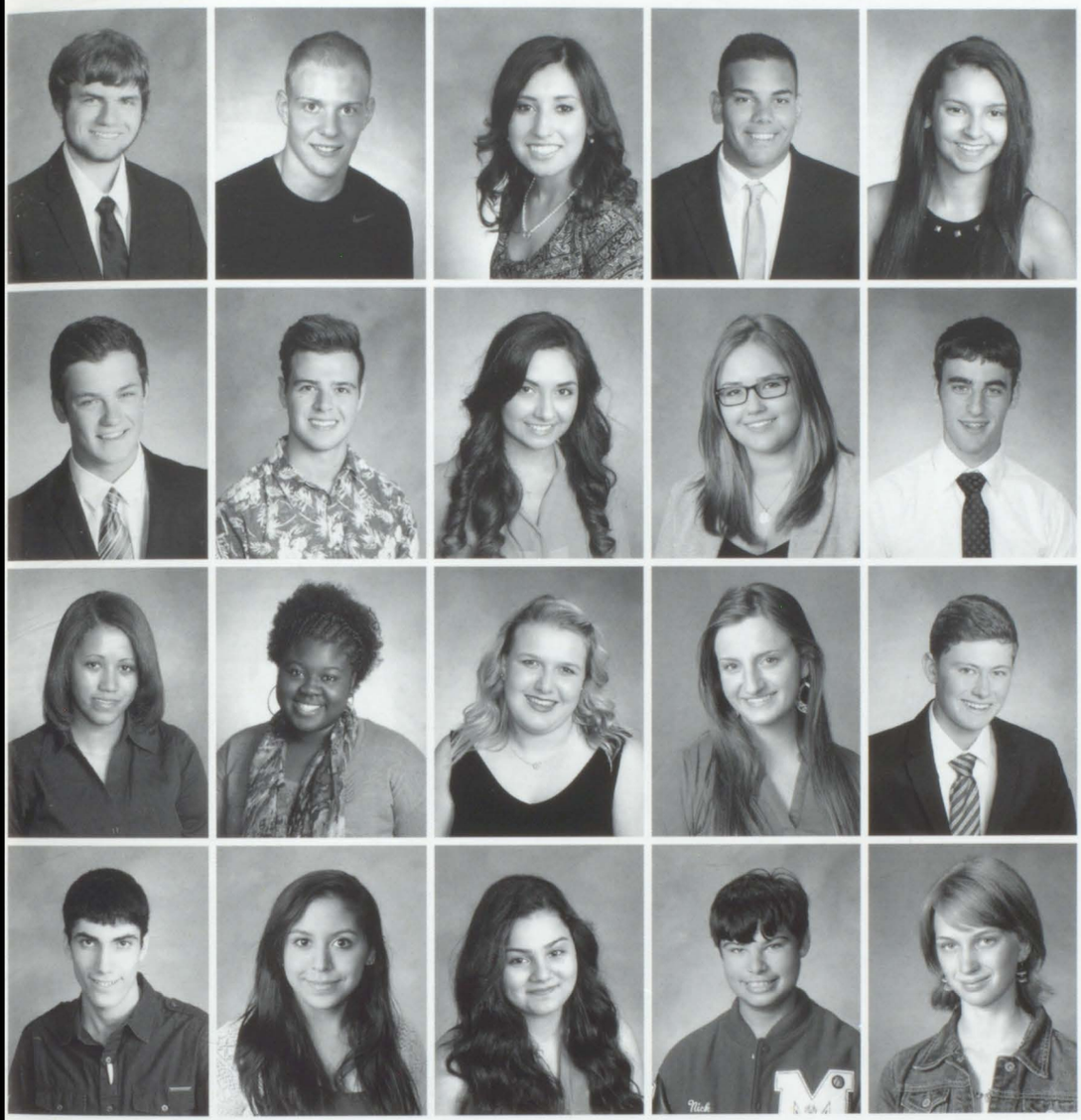
"

Stevan Trivunovic, 12
I want to be remembered as that kid who was always kind of just there, that no one ever really had a problem with."

Marcello Urbanowicz, 12
I want to be remembered as the curly headed kid, Marshmallow."

Joseph Bryant, 12
I want to be remembered as one of the best baseball players that ever played in Munster."

Nia Clark, 12
I want to be remembered as a happy, fun-loving person who tried to keep peace within the student body."

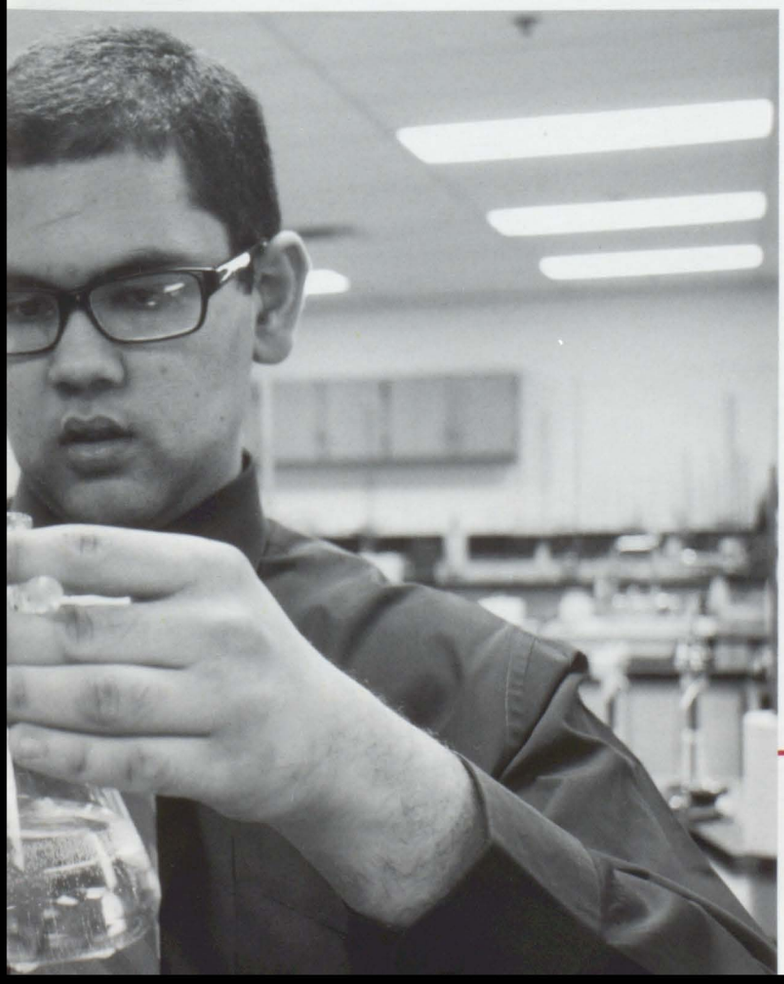


Joshua Peters
Zachary Pickett
Elena Piech: Best Buddies 9-12 (VP 11, President 12), *Crier* 12 (Web Editor 12), Speech & Debate 9-12 (Historian 10, VP 11-12), DECA 9-12 (PR 11, President 12), GSA 12, NHS 11-12, Paragon 9-12 (Managing Editor 11), Poetry Club 12, Project X 9-12 (Officer 10-12), Spanish Club 9-12, Student Government 9-12, We The People 11
Dillon Pierie: Football 9-12 (Captain 12), Student Government 11-12, NHS 11-12, Project X 11, DECA 11, Track 9
Laurissa Portillo: DECA 11-12, Project X 9-12, Basketball 9, Best Buddies 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, CEC 11-12, HOSA 12

Michael Portone: DECA 10-11, Project X 11, Student Government 10, Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12)
Christian Poulos: DECA 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9, Project X 9-11, NHS 11-12
Malgorzata Pozdzal
Emma Prucha
Sean Pruzin

Peyton Puckett Basketball 9, Golf 9-11, Robotics (President 12) 11-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 11
Roxie Pugh: French Club 9-12, Book Club 9-12, STAND 10-12, SADD 9-12, Track Manager 11-12, Civics Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, CEC 9, 10, 12, Speech & Debate 9, 12
Madeline Purcell
Emily Rada: Art Club 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9, Spanish Club 10-11
Grant Rademacher: Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Project X 9-12, NHS 11-12

Jason Ramirez
Emily Ramos-Niaves Best Buddies 9, 11-12, ASL Club 12, Swim Team Manager 12
Shabnam Rashidi
Nicholas Redman: Best Buddies 9-12
Emily Rhoda ASL Club 10-12, Enviornmental Club 12

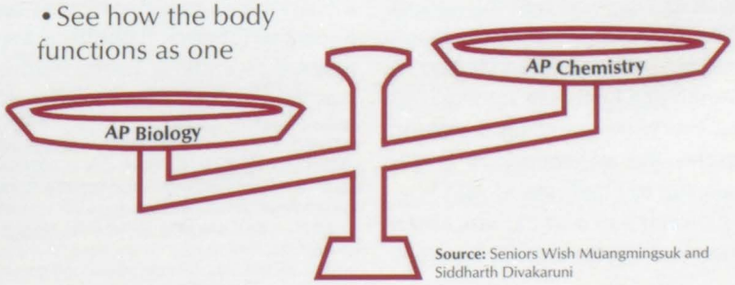


weighing the options

When going into the medical field, students chose to study either Chemistry or Biology based on their individual preferences

- Simple labs that occur more often
- Medical field-related material in lessons
- Correlated with other science courses, such as AP Psychology
- See how the body functions as one

- Greater mathematical difficulty
- Fewer but very intricate labs
- Not a lot of reading
- Not applicable to the real world



Source: Seniors Wish Muangmingsuk and Siddharth Divakaruni

Quinn Harris, 12
I would like to be remembered as someone who is always smiling."

Nate Sakevicius, 12
I want to be remembered as the life of the party."

Cristian Cornejo, 12
(I want to be remembered as) a long curly hair metal head just trying to make it as a musician."

Mady Athey, 12
The girl who inspired Harry Styles's solo album."

Julianne Rice: Dance 10-12 (Captain 12), Cheerleading 9 (Captain 9), Speech & Debate 10-12, Choir 11-12, MTC 10-12 , Project X 9-11, ASL Club 12
Collin Riddle
Fiona Riley
Justin Rios: Best Buddies 9-12
Priscilla Rivera

Michael Rivich: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12), Baseball 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10, ASL Club 10-11
William Roser
Zoe Ross
Samuel Rosser: German Club 9-11
Ricardo Ruiz

Matthew Ryan
Rasha Sabbah
Jhoanna Sadural: Marching Band 9-12, Speech & Debate 11-12, Orchestra 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Project X 11, Spanish Club 9, MTC 10-12, NHS 11-12
Nathan Sakevicius
Alexius Samuels: Tennis 9-12, Poetry Club 11-12, Men's Vocal Ensemble 11-12

getting IT ALL ON PAPER

After years of hard work and dedication, athletes made the final decisions on where they are officially college bound

Starting the summer of his senior year, Joey Gardner, senior, began his search and looking into his options for schools he could attend for swimming.

As soon as school started, he went on multiple school visits to find the right fit. The final step was signing to for the college's team, where family and friends continuously made him reenact the signing to take as many pictures as possible.

"It was kind of awkward because all I did was sign the papers while everyone watched and took pictures," Gardner said. "I had to pretend like I was still signing it so that everyone could get a picture. Besides the awkwardness, it was really fun to finally get to sign."

Gardner had a lot to think about when looking at schools. He wanted to be as good of a match for the school as they would be for him and what he swam.

"I usually only swim the breaststroke or the IM, but can swim for any of them," Gardner said. "In the summer I practice every one of them."

While looking at colleges, Gardner needed to consider more than how well the team swam.

"I didn't just want to go to a school because of how good they were," Gardner said. "I wanted a school that was the best fit for my major (Speech Pathology) and a good swimming team. Purdue was the best fit for both of those."

SIGNED AND SEALED With his supporters filling the room, Joey Gardner, senior, officially commits to Purdue University in the athletic office conference room. "Sometimes my parents could be a little annoying about swimming because they were always on my back, but they helped me pick out the right school and got me to where I am today," Gardner said.

"

Michael Hayes, 12
(I would like to) be remembered as a good guy and a person who can give a good laugh."

Angelo Velez, 12
As someone who is carefree."

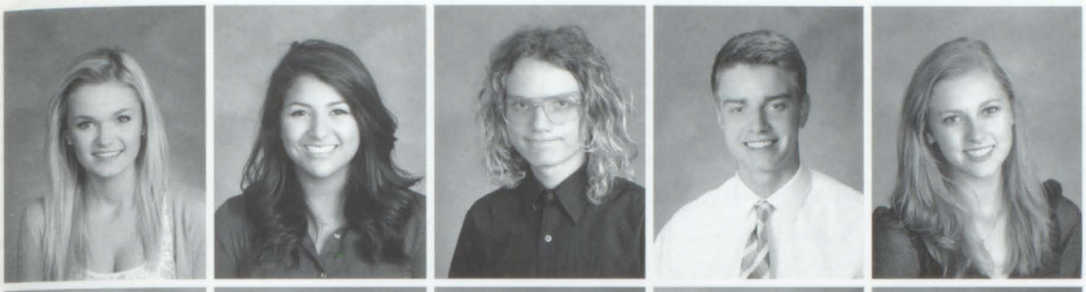
Randy Nava, 12
As a great individual who inspired the lives of many."

Tegan Murphy, 12
I want to be remembered as a fun person who could make anyone laugh."

Brenda Yepez, 12
I don't want to be remembered. I don't want anyone here to remember me at all."

Andrew Getting, 12
I want to be remembered as someone who was nice and friendly to everyone."

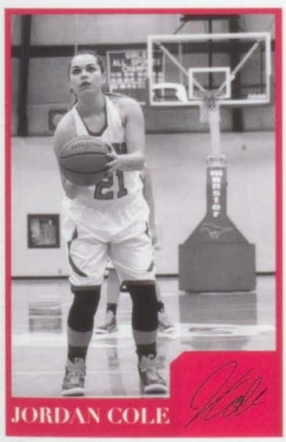
Matthew Childs, 12
In 50 years I would like to be remembered as excelling in school with grades as well as in sports."



Katelyn Sanders
Jane Sannito
Noah Schlossberger
Kevin Schlotman: Basketball 9-12, Soccer 9-10, NHS 12
Meredith Simmons: Student Government 9, Speech & Debate 10-12, Dance Team 9-12, French Club 9-12

James Slavo: Wrestling 9-11
Emma Slosser: Softball 9-10, ASL Club 10-12, STAND 11-12, Wrestling Team Manager 9-12
Nicole Smith: Swimming & Diving 9-12 (Captain), German Club.9-12, CEC 9-10, NHS 11-12
Sarah Smolinski: Volleyball 9-10, Softball 9-10, Athletic Trainer 10-12
Alexander Sotiropoulos

Emmanuel Soto: Soccer 11-12, Best Buddies 11
Samuel Speckhard: Hockey 11, Robotics 12
Megan Spence: ASL Club 11-12, Concert Band 9-12, Color Guard 9-12
Stephen Spence
Thomas Speranza: MTC 9-12, Men's Ensemble 9-12, Speech & Debate 10,12, German Club 9-11, Band 9



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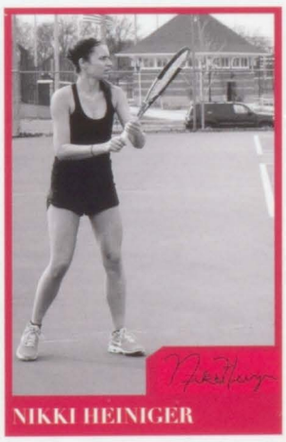

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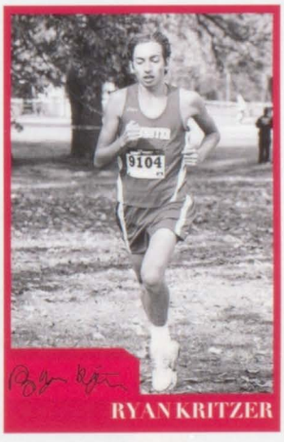
MIKEY JIMENEZ



RYAN KRITZER

signed off

From basketball to cross country, athletes committed to their sport in college to continue their careers as student-athletes

committed to the *region*

Making final decisions, athletes chose a school that best fit them

Ball State University
+ Audrey Mayer, Swimming

Bellermine University
+ Collin Sroge, Swimming

Carthage College
+ Blaire Barnett, Volleyball
+ Dominic Lucito, Football

Drury University
+ Tori Foster, Volleyball

DePauw University
+ Grant Rademacher, Baseball

Grand Valley State University
+ Nikki Heiniger, Tennis

Illinois Wesleyan
+ Rachel Jones, Golf

Indiana State University
+ Zack Pickett, Football
+ Ryan Kritzer, Cross Country

Indiana University
+ Wilson Beckman, Swimming
+ Allison Cunningham, Swimming

IUPUI
+ Jessica Flores, Soccer

Lakeland College
+ Tegan Murphy, Softball

Notre Dame
+ Nikki Smith, Swimming

Purdue University
+ Joey Gardner, Swimming

Purdue University-Calumet
+ Taylor Kotzo, Softball

St. Xavier University
+ Katie Gloff, Softball

University of Illinois-Chicago
+ Mikey Jimenez, Soccer
+ Drew Hackett, Basketball

University of Indianapolis
+ Jordan Cole, Basketball

*Students who committed prior to March 13 2015

Sierra Falcon, 12
Someone who came out of the school better than I went in."

Emmanuel Soto, 12
I would like to be remembered as that kid who was always smiling and danced like a monster."

Ben Taylor, 12
I would like to be remembered as someone who no matter what someone's background was, or lifestyle may be, or friends they associated with, I accepted everyone for the way they were."

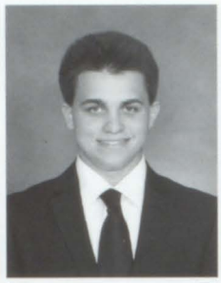
Xavier Hofferth-Pettis, 12
I've always wanted to be remembered as the nice guy. That's it plain and simple."

Kathleen Gonzales, 12
I think in 50 years I would like to be remembered as the girl who was really short but didn't let that stop her from doing everything she wanted to do."

Anthony Gonzalez, 12
I would like to be remembered as the kind-hearted person I truly am."

Jacob Paulsen, 12
I would like to be remembered as a well-respected individual."

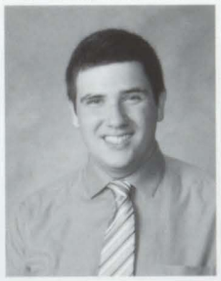
Kevin Spork: French Club 9-11, German Club 10-11, Spanish Club 10-11, ASL Club 11, Poetry Club 11, Art Club 9-12, Project X 9, MTC 9-12, Men's Vocal Ensemble 10-11, Color Guard 10
Collin Sroge: Swimming 9-12, French club 9-10
Clayton St Martin: Robotics 9-10 (Head of Publicity 10), Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-10, Pep band 9-12, Tech Theater 11-12 (Stage Manager 12, Production Manager 12), Track & Field 9-10
Hunter Standley: Wrestling 9-11, French Club 10-11
Tyler Steapleton



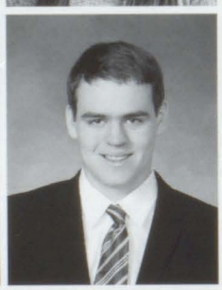
Sasha Stepanovich
Luke Still: Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 11-12, Environmental Club 12
Lena Storino
Konstantine Svolos: DECA 9-12, Project X 9-12, Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12), Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 9-12, Speech & Debate 9, NHS 11-12
Madison Switalla: Speech & Debate 9-12 (Captain 11,12), DECA 9-12 (Corresponding Secretary 12), We The People 11, *Paragon* 11

Nicholas Synko
Michael Szumlas
Samantha Szura
Tricia Mae Tagamolila
Dakota Talley

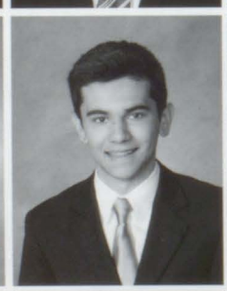
Elizabeth Talley
Rachel Tarpo
Catherine Tavitas: Dance 9-12 (Captain 12), Spanish Club 9-11, German Club 10-12, Project X 9-12, DECA 10-12, Speech & Debate 10-12, Orchestra 9, SADD 9-11, We The People 11, NHS 11-12
Conor Taylor: DECA 9-12, Best Buddies 9-12 (Officer 11-12), Art Club 9-12, Project X 10-12, NHS 12
Casey Terry: Football 9-10, CEC 9-10, Ping Pong Club 9-10, German Club 9-11, Men's Vocal Ensemble 11-12, Speech & Debate 10-12, MTC 9-12, Track & Field 9-12, DECA 11-12, Project X 12, SADD 10-12 (Leadership Council 11-12), NHS 11-12

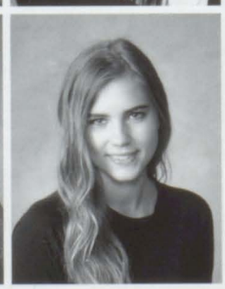


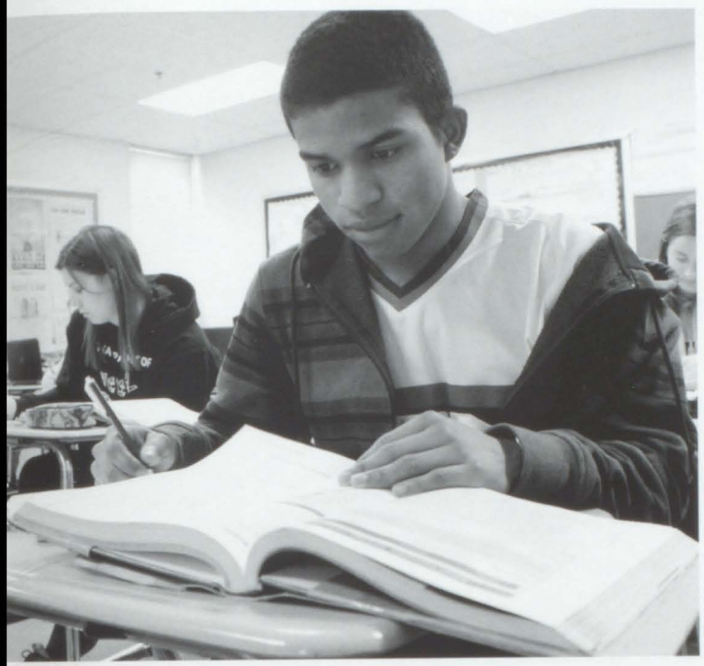
Alysia Thomas
Alec Thompson: Swimming 9-12, DECA 9, We The People 12, Civics Club 11-12, German Club 9-10
Gavin Tienstra
Olivera Todorovic: DECA 9, 11-12, Track & Field 9-12 (Capitan 12), French Club 9-12, Project X 9-11, SADD 9-11, Speech & Debate 9
Patrick Toth: DECA 9-12 (Senior Representative 12), Tennis 9-12, TEAMS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 11-12, Environmental Club 12, We The People 11, Student Government 9, CEC 12
Martina Trivunovic: Concert Band 9-12, Color Guard 9-12 (Co-Captain 11-12), Winter Guard 12 (Captain 12), Orchestra 9-10, MTC (Auditorium Staff) 9-12 (Technical Assistant 9-11, Sound Director 12), *Paragon* 11-12 (Copy Editor 11)
Stevan Trivunovic
Marisa Trull
Gillian Urbaniak: DECA 9-12 (VP of Community Service 12), NHS 12, Project X 9-11, Boys' Track Manager 9-12, Environmental Club 10 (Public Relations), *Crier* 10 (Sports Editor 10), *Paragon* 11-12 (Chief Design Editor 11-12), CEC Representative 10-12, French Club 9-11
Marcello Urbanowicz: Choir 10-12, Football 9-11



Cierra Uribe: Poetry Club 11-12
Samantha Valencia
Caleb Valent: Best Buddies 9-11
Natalie Vellutini: Basketball 9-12, Golf 9-12, Project X 11-12, SADD 9-12, NHS 12, Track & Field 11, Spanish Club 9-10, Speech & Debate 9
David Vogel: Chess club 9-12 (Captain 11-12), Spanish Club 9-12







EARNING THE LANGUAGE Doing his homework in economics, Melios Heath, senior, arned about the American economy, as well as the language and culture. "My favorite class as history because I loved learning about our past," Melios said. "But the most difficult part coming here was learning English."

a warm WELCOME

Melios Heath, senior, adjusted to immigrating from Nicaragua to Indiana

Struggling to learn English and mesh with the culture of the Region, Melios Heath, senior, remembered his family back home in Nicaragua. In 2010 Melios and his two brothers were adopted by a family in Indiana.

"I was born in a poor family," Melios said. "My family lives from farming."

Growing up during a weak economic state was difficult for Melios. His family suffered early losses and was split apart

Melios's adopted parents live in Northwest Indiana, so they sent him to Munster High School.

"The number one thing that I like about Munster is the high quality of education," Melios said.

"

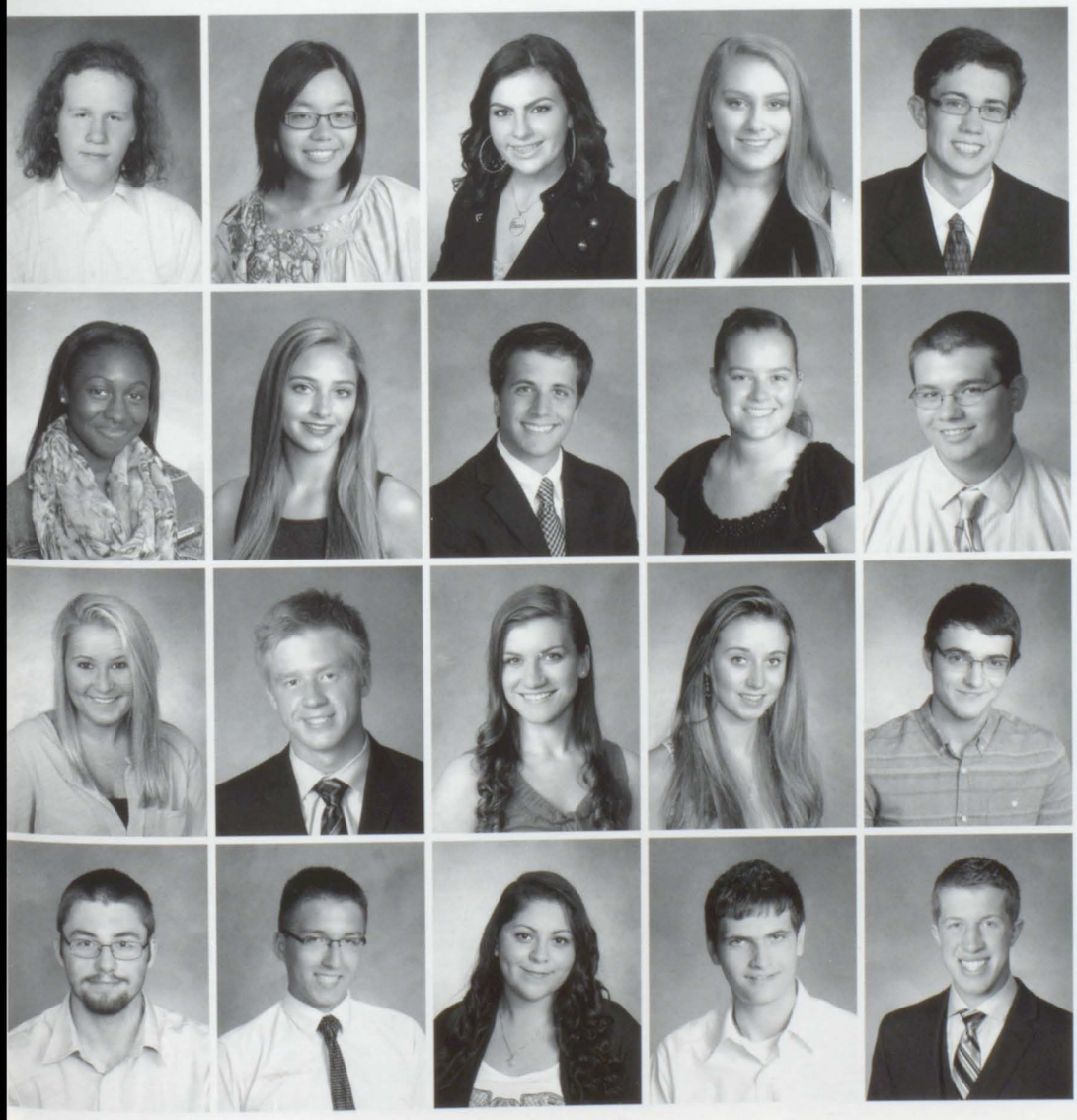
George Jurincie, 12
When looking back on my yearbook in 50 years, I would like to be remembered as a good friend. When I consider my friendships with other people, I don't really consider myself well traveled around the social sphere or 'popular' as it were."

Tess Talabay, 12
I would like to be remembered as the girl who became successful in doing hair and makeup right out of high school, along with becoming a horse trainer."

Dakota Talley, 12
As someone who did the best he could with the talent he had."

James Delis, 12
As someone who left a legacy for the school."

Matthew Childs, 12
I would like to be thought highly of. How I have always kept up with my grades as well as the many sports I have played."



Samuel Wagner
Kimberly Wang: Science Olympiad 9-12 (Co-captain 12), Orchestra 9-12, French Club 9-12, TEAMS 9-12, Project X 9-12
Erica Warner
Kylie Warner
Seth Weston

Kellyn Whaley
Emily Whitaker: Dance 10-11 (Co-captain 11), Project X 9, French Club 9-12, NHS 12, Marching Band 9-10, Color Guard 11-12, Wind Ensemble 9-12, Pep Band 9-12
Timothy Wiess: Tennis 9-12, Project X 9-12, German Club 9-12 (Sophomore Representative 10, Secretary 11, President 12)
Megan Wilkens: Best Buddies 9-12, Basketball 9-10, 12, STAND Club 10-12, French Club 9-12, NHS 12, SADD 9-12
Matt Williams

Taylor Winiecki: Dance 9, Project X 12
Alexander Wisniewski: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12), Project X 9-12 (President 12), DECA 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Student Government 9-10, NHS 11-12, Speech & Debate 9-10
Hannah Witting: Project X 12, Choir 9-12 (Section Leader 12), MTC 9-12, Speech & Debate 11-12 (Travel Team 11-12), Spanish Club 11-12, GSA 12, Environmental Club 12, Women's Vocal Ensemble 9-12, SADD 10-12
Morgan Wittkowske
Justin Woodward

Adam Wories
Kayetan Wozniak: Spanish Club 9, Concert Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Orchestra 12 (Section Leader 12)
Brenda Yepez
Jonathan Zimmerman
Garrett Zuck: Science Olympiad 9,11-12, TEAMS 9-12, Academic Super Bowl 10-12, Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-11, Orchestra 12, Baseball 9, Speech & Debate 10,11

Amy Kaniewski, 9
"People don't know that I can't cross my eyes because I have a weak eye, which I was just born with. Actually, I had an eye patch when I was younger.

Nia Clark, 12
"A lot of people do not know that last year when I went to Florida I always got free wings, because I won a wing eating contest at a country fair.

Isabel Zuniga, 11
"I fell down the stairs and half of my foot is paralyzed. I was running down the stairs and cut all of my tendons in my foot. I wore a brace for 6 months.

Isabel Garcia, 12
"I play three instruments: the clarinet, violin, and guitar. I've been playing clarinet for six years, violin for eight, and guitar four years.

Jordan Wright, 10
"I'm learning three different languages: English, Spanish, and German.

Brandon Cordero, 10
"I can move my eyes independently from one another.

Carly Kennedy, 12
"Something that not a lot of people know about me is that I want to live in Spain when I'm older. I studied abroad there over the summer. There was so much history and culture and I just loved their way of life.

Olivia Buono, 10
"I used to dance when I was younger. I stopped dancing after six years because I wanted to be on the school color guard. I stopped color guard this year but I'm going back next year. It was fun because we got to go to state and travel a lot.

simple dreams

SPEEDY CARS

Students used their interest in cars as a way to find friends

What began as a childhood interest, turned into a major hobby and way to make friends for Chris Charles, junior.

"As long as I could remember, I have loved cars," Chris said. "I remember trying to name every car I saw on the road as a kid. Honestly I couldn't remember a specific thing getting me into cars."

After school Chris would often scroll through his phone and notice that Alex Samuels, senior, added an event to their car meets Facebook page. Alex and Chris considered themselves members of the Northwest Indiana Car Scene, in which members met, talked to each other about their vehicles and then cruised around the set location.

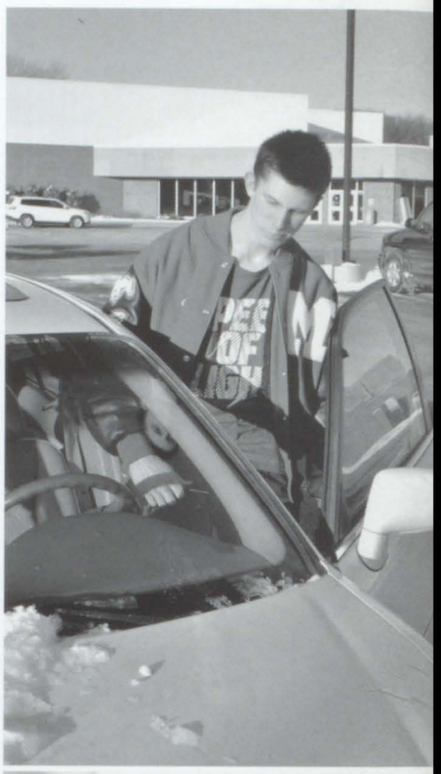
"I guess we could say that I always wanted to meet people that could understand cars like I do, too," Alex said. "That would be the car scene. It was funny how a random parking lot could turn into a car show spot in seconds. It was just like you have friends with a common interest. It was like they were all car guys and they all had pretty unique cars themselves."

To stay in contact, members of the car scene would post information on various car meets using the Facebook page.

"I used my parents' cars to get to the meets. There were typically two to three (meets) per week, sometimes one every day of the week," Chris said. "But barely anyone showed up to every meet. Our group had about 300 people in total, but it was rare that everyone showed up to a meet."

Although attendance varied per event, Chris thought he benefited from driving to and from car events to meet others.

"I was surrounded by people who shared the same passion," Chris said. "Normally we either just talked about cars, what was, going on with other peoples cars or just messed around. If anything, I learned I love driving at night on an open road with the windows down. Something about it was really relaxing and calming."



TIME TO DRIVE After finishing track practice, Chris Charles, junior, gets into his Acura and drives home. Chris liked his Acura because it was a Japanese made car. "I didn't really know a specific reason why I liked Japanese culture," Chris said. "It was just sort of something I was drawn to. I specifically liked the Japanese car scene because they did literally anything to cars over there and no matter what it was, no one hated on it."

WASH IT OUT Every Saturday Alex Samuels, senior, drives to a car wash in Lansing, Ill. to clean his Nissan. "The reason why I came here was because when I bought the car there was a scratch on the upper panel on top," Alex said. "When I went to an automatic car wash, it hit the frame, so most of the guys and I went to a booth like this and we washed them off ourselves."

Jillian Ackermann
Arianna Adams
Lauren Adams
Diego Alanis
Ricardo Alvarado
Alyssa Amaloo
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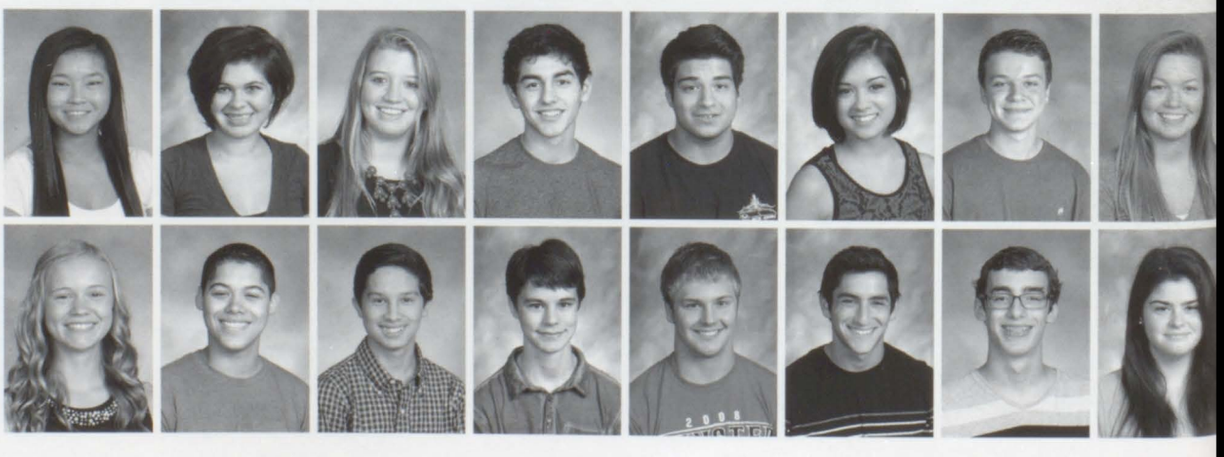

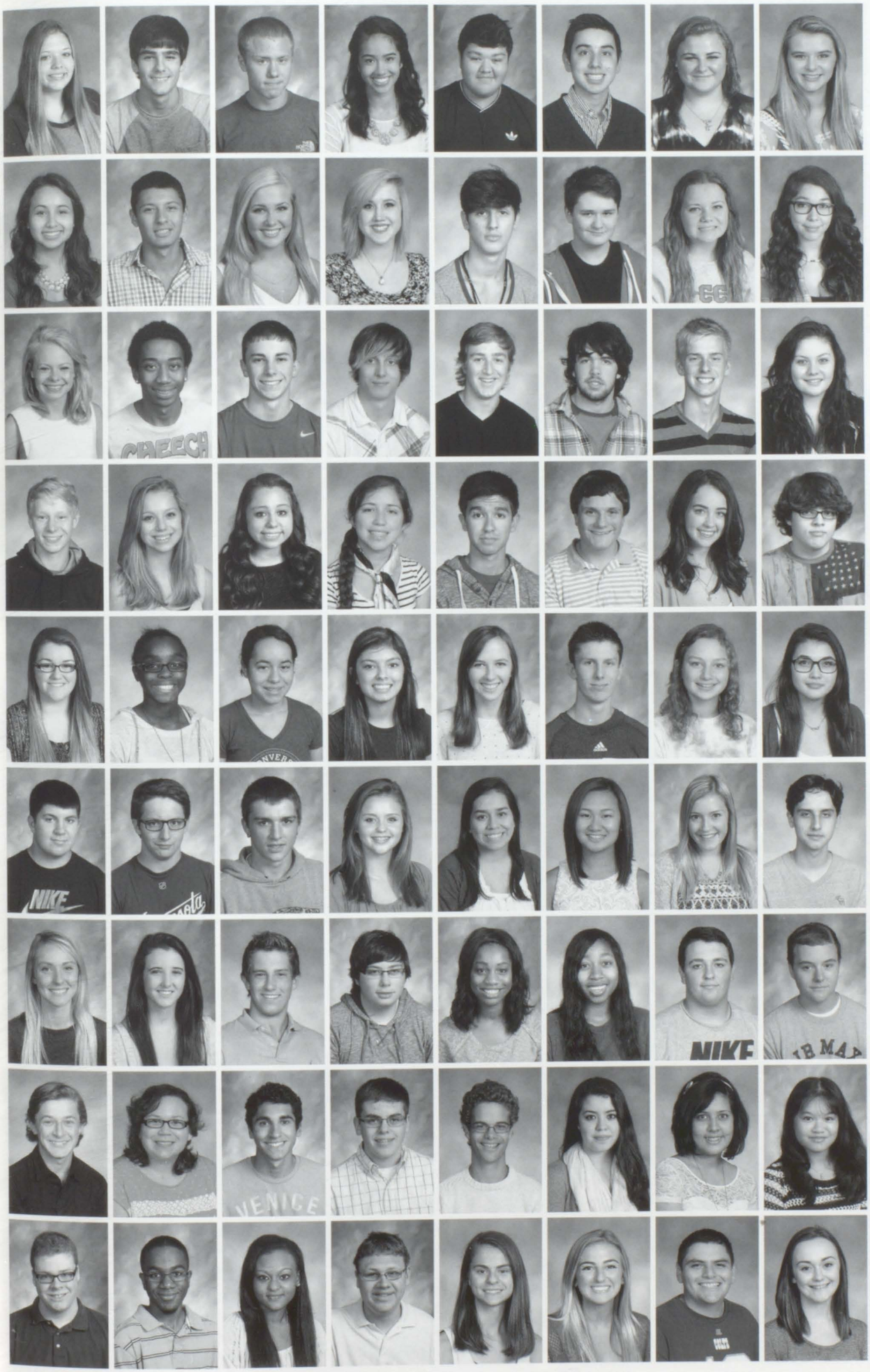

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Anna Bilse
Rachel Bishop
Dorde Blagojevic
Justin Blair
Paige Bohling
Heather Born

Taylor Brant
Joshua Briette
Michael Brozovic
Zachary Brum
Connor Bubash
Dylan Bugajski
Theodore Burgwald
Ginger Burks

Brett Butler
Samantha Buvala
Mariah Cabrales
Alexia Calderon
Emmanuel Campos
Daniel Cappo
Therese Capriglione
Andrew Caroselli

Alyssa Carpenter
Zola Carter
Veronica Casillas
Mia Castro
Julia Chael
Christopher Charles
Hayley Chipules
Shannon Chopin

Jordan Cistola
Brodrick Claesgens
Chester Clark
Haley Collison
Patricia Cornejo
Charlene Cortez
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Jay Foreit
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Collette Gates
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Eleni Georgalas
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Brandon Gill
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Luke Hackett
Michael Haddadin

Allison Hajduch
James Han
Matthew Hasiak
Trevon Hawkins
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Luke Heritage
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Bri` Ana Hudson
Jerry Jacinto
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Danica Jerkan
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Shandan Johnson
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Abigail Kapitan

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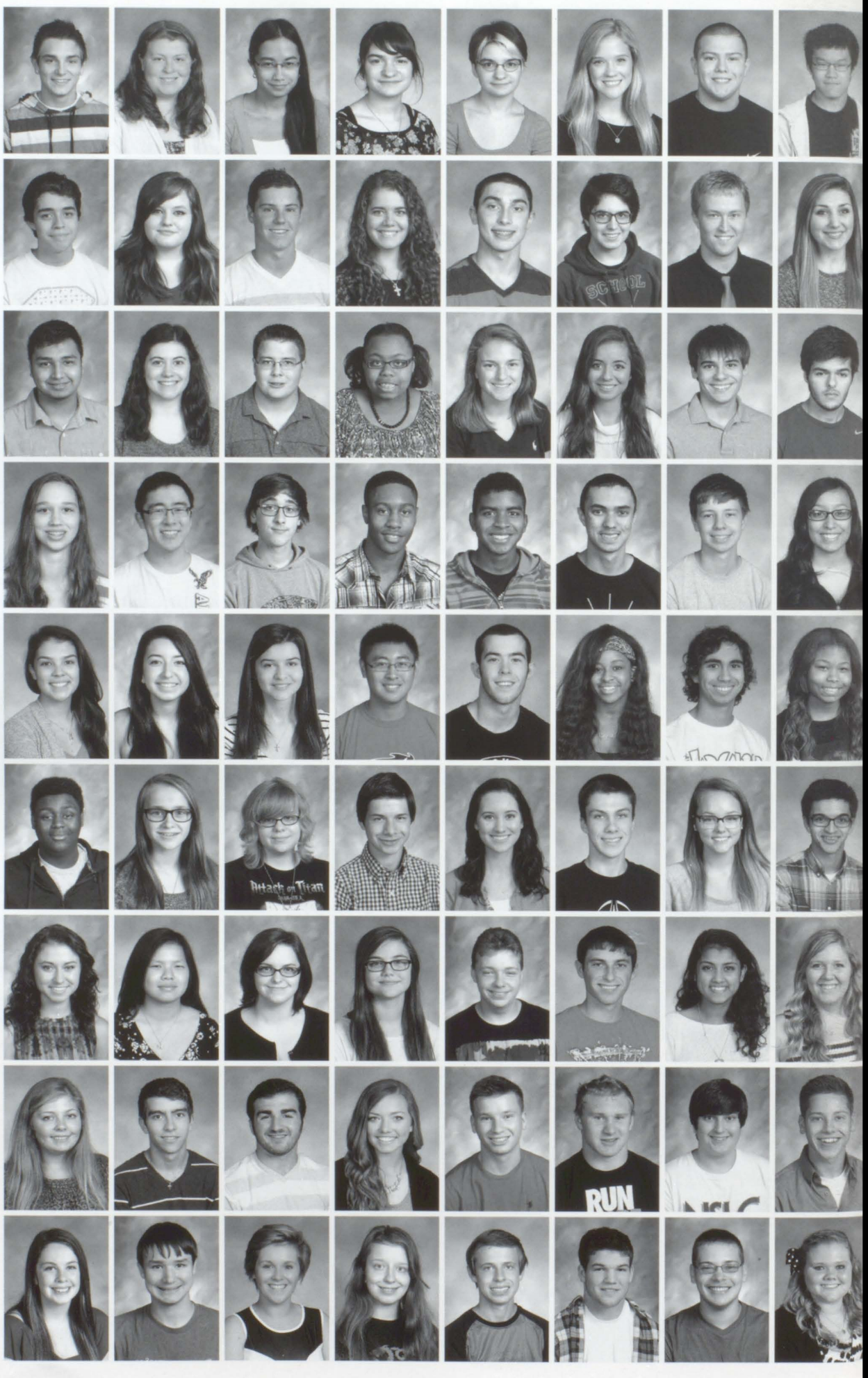

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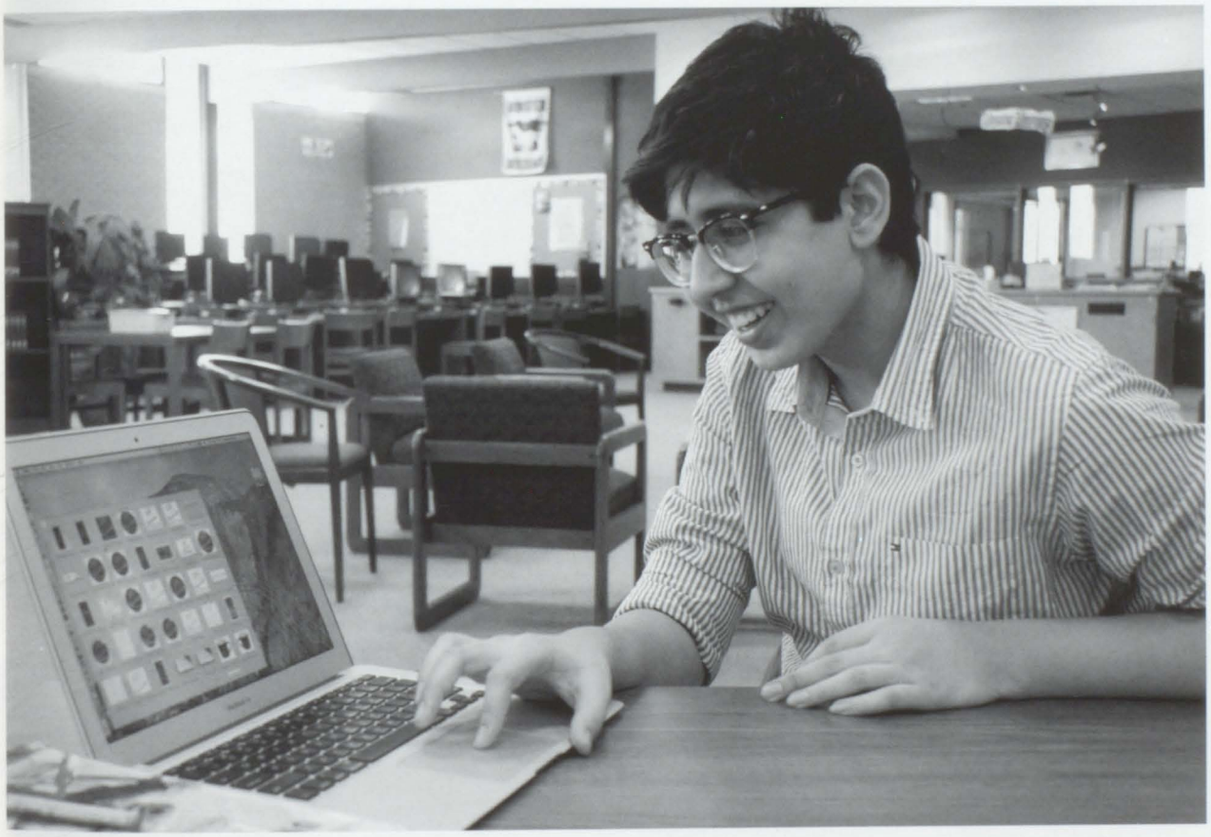

getting out OF LINE

After attending a summer program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aditya Mishra, junior, began creating his own time efficient app called endLine

Every day, students use apps on their phones to help remind them of important dates, to keep contact with each other or just play games if they have free time. Aditya Mishra, junior, began developing an app with other students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) launch program this past summer.

"When we got there, the first week was devoted to getting the right people matched together in a group," Aditya said.

Once teamed up, Aditya and the other group members spent the next three days locked in a room brainstorming ideas.

"Any and all ideas we had, no matter how stupid, were placed on a sticky note and put on the windows of the room," Aditya said. "The group would then rate each other's ideas which could go into the early morning."

After narrowing down all of the ideas, the group was left with an app named endLine.

"Basically, endLine was an app that connected to all local coffee shops near you, allowed you to order in advance, skip lines and leave very quickly," Aditya said.

The summer program ended before the app was developed, and Aditya, as well as the rest of his MIT group, put their app on pause for the school year.

"We plan on making more progress this upcoming summer, especially since we have a small consumer base as well as startup capital," Aditya said.

IN THE MAKING Looking off of his laptop, Aditya Mishra, junior, showed his design plans for his app, endLine. "Well, when we started making it, there were very few companies like us, but this area has grown so much recently," Aditya said.

"

Mandy McCullough, 9
My music choice varies from pop to screamo. My favorite pop artist is Imagine Dragons and my favorite screamo band is Falling in Reverse."

Micah Flahaven, 9
I want to be a veterinarian, I have always liked dogs and other and animals, and like working with them."

Miranda Mihalic, 12
Many people don't know I can watch the show Friends for days."

Colin O'Brien, 9
I go hunting. I go hunting with my father. My favorite time to hunt is in the winter."

Alex Weakland, 9
I play piano, guitar, and the ukulele. I've always been raised to think music is one of the most important things in life."

Robert Moore, 9
I want to move to Paris because of the site seeing and the Parisian girls."

Samantha Chua, 10
"When I was around six, I was outside with friends. We went up a bell tower at a church. My friend accidentally bumped me and I fell off. It was about one to one and a half stories tall, but I fell on grass."

Patrick Massengill, 10
I've had amnesia. It was in second grade and someone hit me with a plastic bat on the back of my head. I didn't remember anything before second grade."

Morgan Hanenburg,9
A fact about myself that not many people know is that I have my own horse and I compete with him."

Ruhani Sansoya, 11
I like eating the cheese off of frozen pizza."

Jacob Lyza
Emilio Malagon
Vishva Maniar
Connor Manous
Patrick Marsh
Reymond Martin
Jocelyn Martinez
Miriam Mathew

Melissa McCann
Jackson McDowell
Jamie McDowell
Amy McDunn
Brigid McGinty
Kylee McVicker
Dara Medina
Delaney Mendez

Zoe Mintz
Megan Mirowski
Alex Mis
Aditya Mishra
Daniel Mitchell
Mark Montella
Andrew Monthie
Maya Montoya

Madelynn Moore
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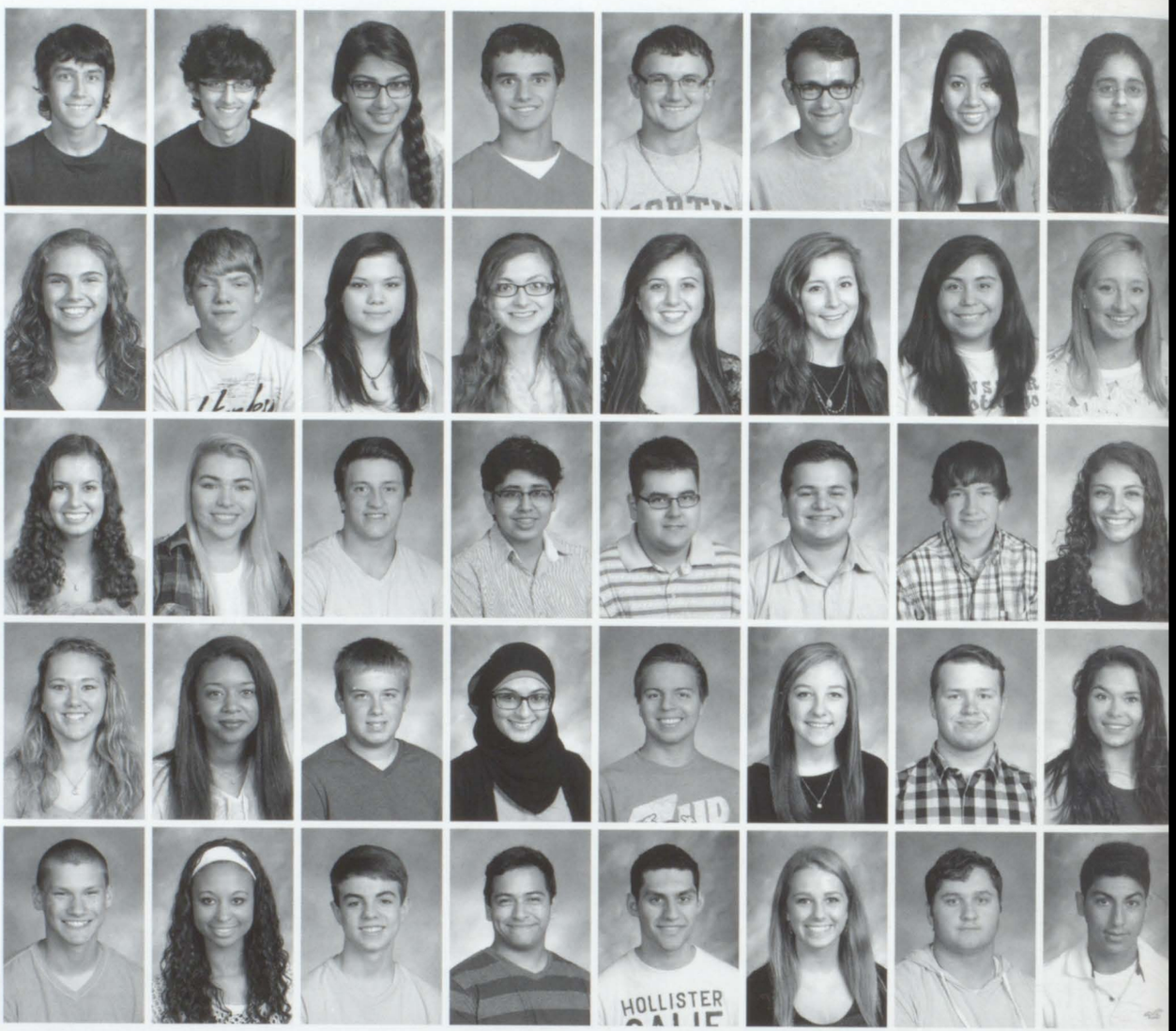


takin' it
TO THE MATS

Outside of school, work and soccer, Mackenzie Portone, junior, took out her stress through kickboxing and jiujitsu

In school, Mackenzie Portone, junior, shows off her glam side. But once the clock strikes 5 p.m., Mackenzie hits the mats for what she loves: kickboxing and jiujitsu.

"I used to just consider it a hobby aside from soccer," Mackenzie said. "But its taught me so much more mentally and physically."

Mackenzie became interested in fighting when she was younger, fighting with her brothers for fun.

"I loved play-fighting and wrestling for fun with my three brothers who would do it all the time," Mackenzie said. "Over time, it just became a way to channel any anger I had from school, my friends or my family."

Now she trains and continues to learn three times a week and won first place at the North American Grappling Association Chicago tournament.

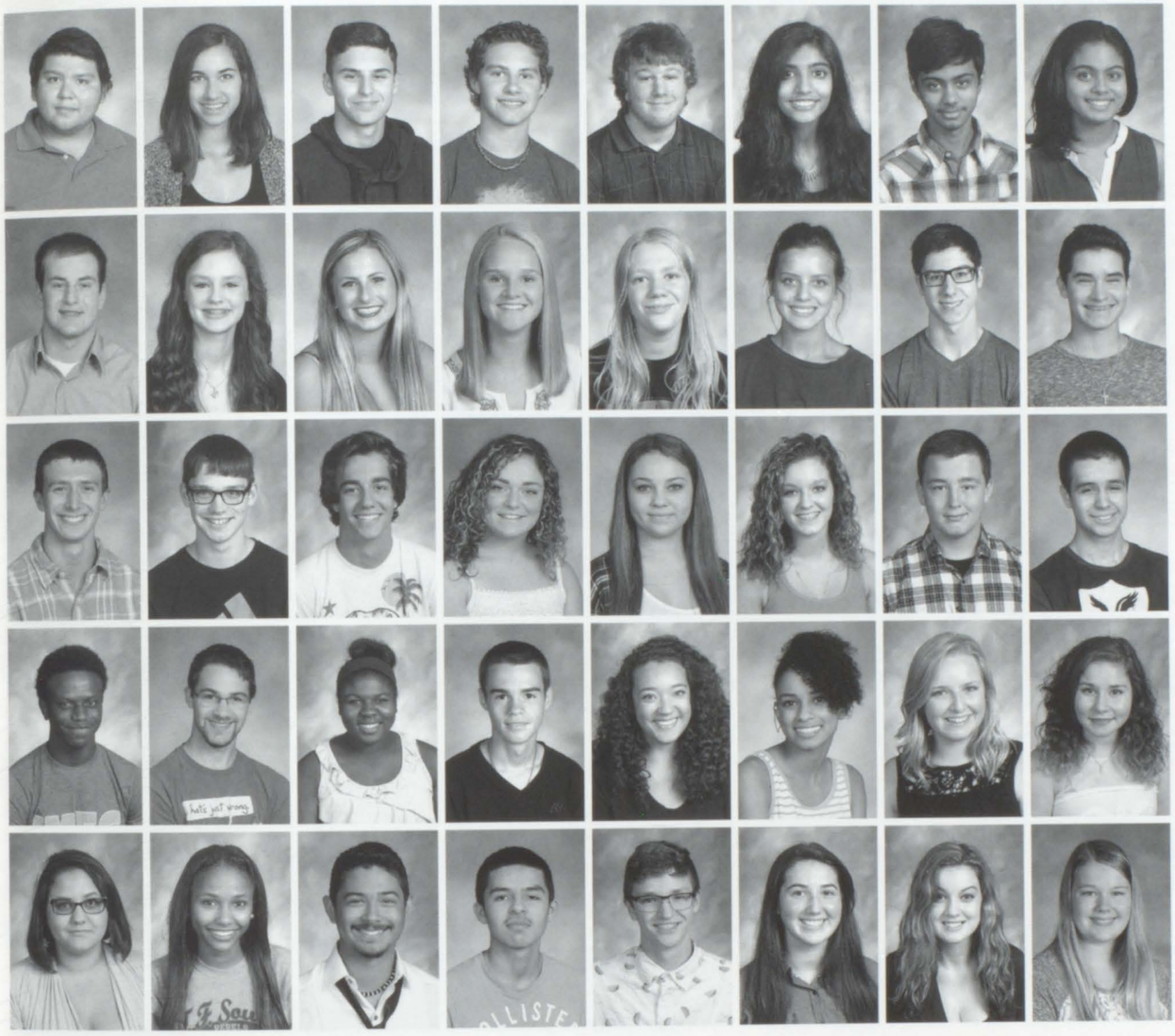
"It taught me how to be a stronger person in different ways," Mackenzie said. "Most importantly, it gave me a great sense of self-confidence and taught me a lot of patience and determination."

"

Andrew Rapata, 9
I am tall and I like it. I can get things off high shelves."

Garrett Glover, 10
I am from Las Vegas. It was warm and not cold. No snow."

Tatiana Shinkan, 11
In 7th grade I tried out for the cheerleading team... I didn't make it."



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Amanda Osterhus
David Palacios
Kyle Palermo
David Parobek
Aarju Patel
Avi Patel
Serena Patel

David Paunicka
Jessica Pazik
Carly Peilet
Mackenzie Peirick
Abigail Pennanen
Elena Perala-Vincente
Luke Persic
Eric Picard

Luke Pillarella
Simon Pirok
Samuel Plate
Mackenzie Portone
Ashley Potoski
Kailey Potts
Jacob Powers
Antonio Presutti

Jeffrey Proctor
Collin Puckett
Mary Pugh
Jaycob Ramirez
Vivian Reba
Anaria Riggio
Anna Riggs
Carleen Rivera

Jocelyn Rivera
Paris Robertson-Powe
Jovanny Rodriguez
Aaron Rosas
Luke Rosser
Lauren Russell
Samantha Sabo
Christina Sanchez

POISED FOR THE PUNCH Focusing in on her technique is vital for Mackenzie Portone, junior. "You couldn't just throw random punches and kicks," Mackenzie said. "You needed power and purpose."

KICKBOXING QUEEN Getting some extra practice in her basement, Mackenzie Portone, junior, fits in a few kicks before going to work. "Since starting martial arts, I feel like I've been able to protect myself in multiple ways," Mackenzie said. "I've learned many types of escapes that people would not expect from a girly-girl like me."

defining the dojo dictionary

Mastering martial arts would not be possible without knowing some basic moves

Kicks

+Roundhouse
/'round'hous/
Swinging your leg around and striking with the top of your foot

+Switch Kick
/swiCH' kik/
Where your leading foot hops behind as you kick forward with your back foot

+Knee Strike
/ne' stryk/
Striking into something with the kneecap

+Push Kick
/pooSH'kik/
Creating space by pushing an offender away with your foot

Punches

+Jab
/jab/
The first two punches you throw to catch your opponent off-guard

+Cross
/krôs/
Throwing a punch across your body in a straight line

+Hook
/hook/
Swinging your arm in at a 90 degree angle

+Uppercut
/'uper'kut/
Punching from under with an upward motion to the chin

Sources: Dictionary.com and Mackenzie Portone, junior

+ Bridget Caraher, 11
I'm terrified of ketchup. It's the most atrocious condiment ever created. It should be illegal."

+ Wally Sell, 11
I have to eat ranch with every meal."

+ Megan Wolski, 9
My left foot is a size 10 and my right foot is a size 11."

+ Julia Torres, 11
I spend 90% of my time listening to music and I love concerts."

+ Ethan Courtney, 12
I have a My Little Pony above my bed named Alduin the World Eater."

+ Alexia Calderon, 11
I like to listen to Korean pop music."

+ Alex Raycroft, 10
I want to be a Disney princess."

Ruhani Sansoya
Jeremy Sarnowski
Gregory Scherzinger
Dominique Schupp
Raleigh Sell
Rebecca Sendejas
Karissa Senisais
Camden Seput

Luke Shacklett
Sara Shah
Collin Sharpe
Savannah Shaver
Ruben Shehigian
Tatiana Shinkan
Tannes Shmagranoff
Bilal Siddiqui

Bradley Sikora
Zachary Simic
Maria Sirounis
Anthony Skiba
Angelica Small
Darbi Smith
Christopher Snyder
Daniel Soeka

Dania Sotak
Daniel Spencer
Polina Stamenkovich
Jovan Stanisavljevic
Jeffery Stoll
Floyd Stoner
Charles Stringer
Khalehla Strong

Qionte Sullivan
Claire Svoboda
Julia Swibes
Ally Szakacs
Michael Szewka
Peyton Tinder
Joey Topor
Almira Torres

into *character*

The girls gave tips on what to do while getting ready for the job

PREP TIME Applying their makeup in a timely fashion was the key to getting ready for juniors Camille Jancosek, dressed as Tinker Bell, Claire LeMonnier, dressed as Sleeping Beauty, and Anna Bilse, dressed as Cinderella. "With the makeup, costume and wig, it usually took me over an hour to get ready," Claire said.

"Always give yourself over an hour to get ready in case something goes wrong." Anna Bilse, junior

"Triple pin your wigs so they don't fall off when you interact with the kids." Camille Jancosek, junior

"Always have 20 wig caps just in case you lose one." Claire LeMonnier, junior

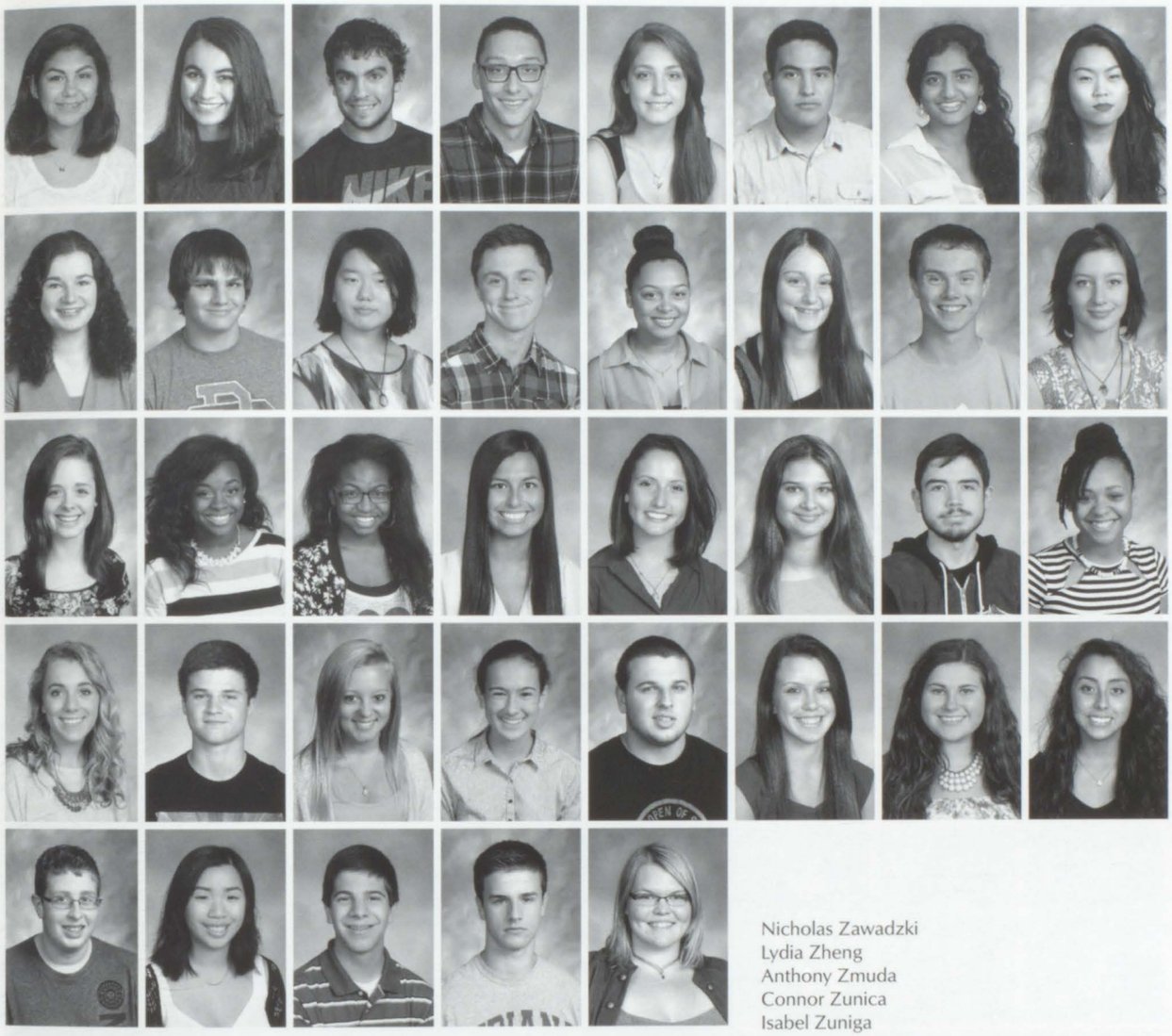
"

Kalie Miles, 9
When I was five years old, I used to be a ballet dancer."

Anthony Guba, 9
I have three extra teeth. I was just born with them."

Hunter Ward, 10
I have a large and extensive collection of World War II memorabilia. It's just of hobby of mine."

Erin Maley, 10
I love to cook. Every Sunday I cook breakfast for my entire family. It is my favorite hobby."



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Sean Wagner
Tiffany Wang
Jack Warren
Kelli Webb
Gina Webber
Aaron Welch
Michelle Weller

Lauren Wenzel
Journey Westfield
Camryn Whaley
Kaitlyn Wiening
Emily Wierman
Rita Willcox
Brandon Williams
Danae Wilson

Sara Wilson
Brandon Winter
Anna Witt
Jillian Ylo
Austin Yusko
Megan Zabrecky
Chloe Zatorski
Cecilia Zavala

Nicholas Zawadzki
Lydia Zheng
Anthony Zmuda
Connor Zunica
Isabel Zuniga

a dream is a wish

YOUR HEART MAKES

Working for a company called Once Upon A Celebration, students took the opportunity to dress up as numerous children's characters to work at birthdays and other events

While most students' work uniforms consisted of an apron, polo or hat, junior Camille Jancosek's uniform consisted of wigs, ball gowns, heels or turtle body suits. Camille was one of few students who would dress up as different children's characters and work at birthday parties or other events as part of a company called Once Upon A Celebration.

"I started through someone I met through theater," Camille said. "They needed a Tinkerbell, and she said I was small enough to fit the costume. From there, I just kept doing more different characters."

Camille talked about it to her friends and family, attracting other students to the company.

"I heard Camille talk about it, and it seemed like a good job for someone who couldn't do a rigid schedule," Claire LeMonnier, junior, said. "I usually only play Ariel and Anna, since people want the 'Frozen' characters more than anything else."

Although it was their job, both of the girls agreed that it never seemed like work for them. Camille's favorite part about dressing up as these characters was something more than just the girls' reactions.

"My favorite part was definitely if you did a party for a kid who didn't know you were coming," Camille said. "When they first see you, their face just freezes with either excitement or fear. It makes me feel good knowing I made someone's birthday party special."

PIN UP Pinning her wig into place, Anna Bilse, junior, gets into character as Cinderella. Anna had always wanted to play a Disney princess and was excited when she got this job. "My dream really did come true landing this job," Anna said.

+Ian Merkel, 10
Since I'm short not many people think I have tall family members but I do; they're all over 5'10."

+Maddy Purcell, 12
I've connected with the dead at a cemetery during a séance."

+Kenny Nuzzo, 11
I know how to ride horses and train them because I got sent away to Utah."

+Charlene Cortez, 11
I was born in the Philippines and moved to America when I was a baby."

+Tiffany Wang, 10
I like to draw; I started drawing about three or four years ago. I try to draw realism, and I tend to draw flowers, such as roses."

+Rita Willcox, 11
I can squeak my ears. I don't know how I just used to play with my ears a lot when I was young."

Joshua Ahlf
Andrew Aiken
Amina Akernane
Morgan Albritton
Samantha Alexiou
Amjad Alshamaileh
Ashley Anderson
Daniel Andrade

Brandon Andreasen
Matthew Aquino
Jonathon Armstrong
Nicolas Arredondo
Jacob Arteaga
Ani Arzumanian
Alexandria Ashenbaugh
Brandon Avila

twenty days, SEVEN COUNTRIES

Over the summer, Anna Gambetta, sophomore, and her peers traveled Europe with the People To People program

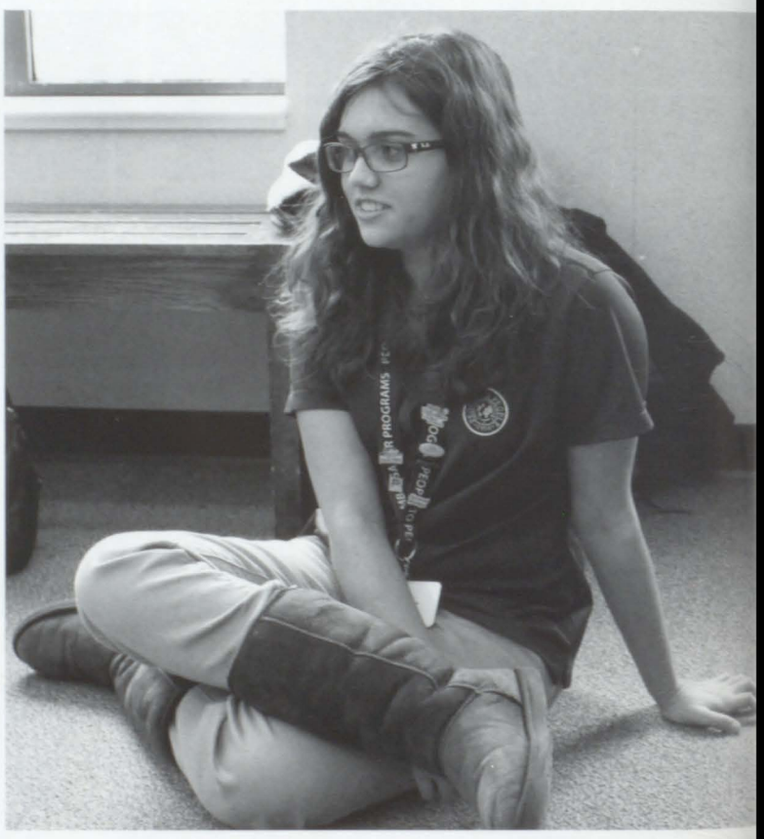
Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and France. Just a few places that hold a special spot on some bucket lists.

Last summer, Anna Gambetta, sophomore, crossed those places off her list. Anna, along with Kory Gouwens, junior, Haley Hensley, freshman, and Maddy Purcell, senior, were invited to take part in the People To People Student Travel program and travel across Europe for three weeks.

"Just seeing how different everything was my favorite part (of the trip)," Anna said. "You saw what you have here, and then you saw how it could be done in the same way, but differently somewhere else."

By accepting the invitation from the program, Anna was able to step out of her comfort zone and explore what the world held.

"(The trip abroad) has widened my perspective," Anna said. "I can now focus on the big picture, the state of what is going on and the fact that I have to be more knowledgeable of what is going on. It felt like a launching point for me to go out and do more things in the world."



A PEOPLE PERSON Lanyard around her neck and matching polo worn, Anna Gambetta, sophomore, reminisced about her summer on the People To People trip to Europe with her peers. "I really enjoyed the trip," Anna said. "It allowed me to see the world."

site seeing

As she traveled around Europe, Anna visited several countries and experienced the famous attractions each area had to offer

Austria
- Montafon Valley
- Swiss Alps

Belgium
- Flanders Field Memorial
- Menin Gate Memorial
- City of Bruges

England
- Buckingham Palace
- Tower of London
- Covent Garden
- The London Eye
- West End theater show

France
- Musée du Louvre
- Eiffel Tower
- Montmartre area
- Hall of Mirrors
- Basilique du Sacre Coeur
- Chateau de Versailles
- Normandy American Cemetery

Germany
- Cologne Cathedral
- Rhine River
- Castle of Heidelberg
- Home stay experience

The Netherlands
- The Hague
- International Court of Justice
- Kinderdijk
- Amsterdam

Switzerland
- Zurich

"

Emma Gouliaev, 10
When I eat pineapples my tongue swells up to the point where I can't breathe."

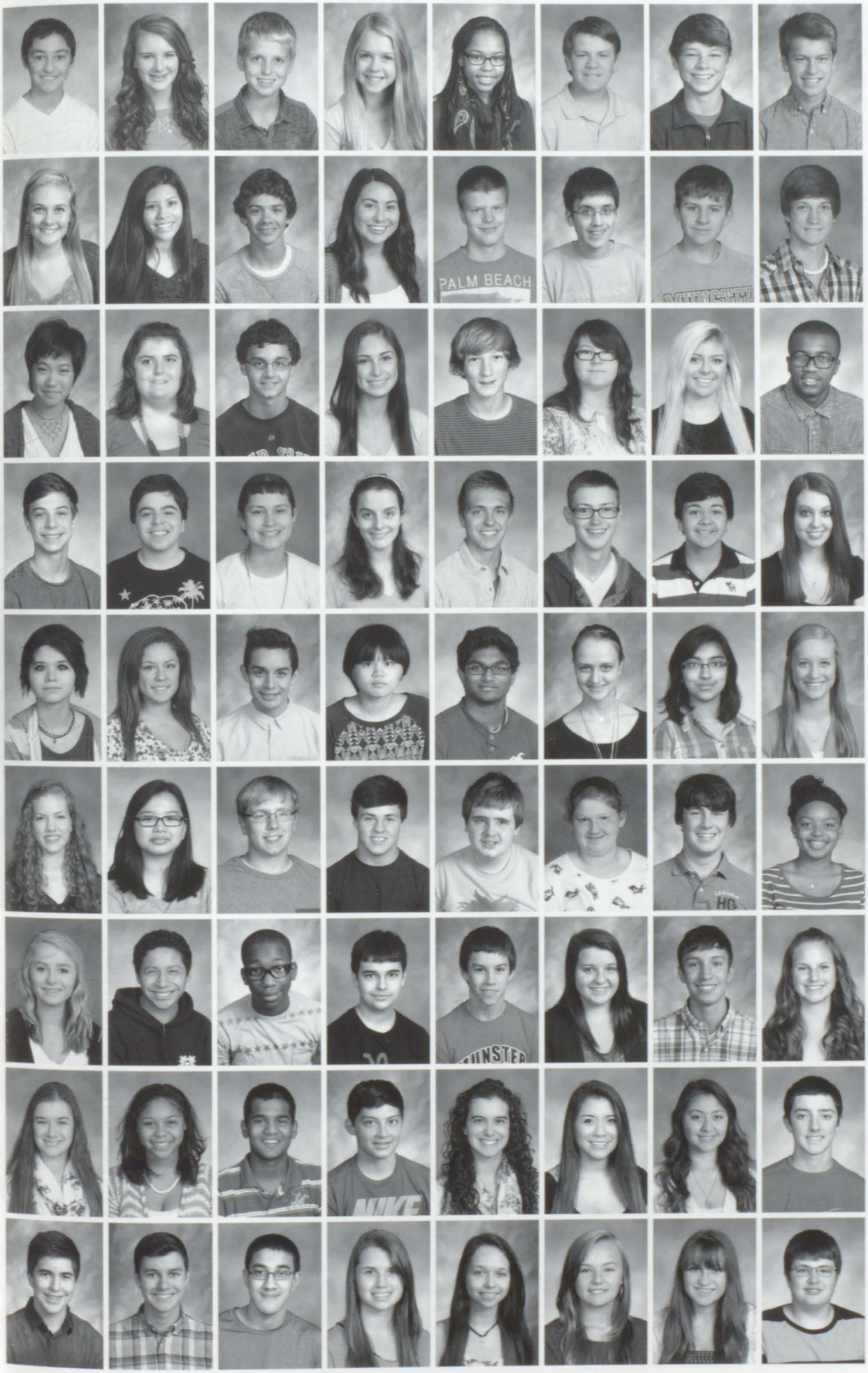
Emily Mudroncik, 9
I did gymnastics for a few years when I was around 10. I had to stop though because it took up too much time."

Morgan Schoon, 9
I had plastic surgery when I was three, because I was attacked by a pitbull."

Evan Torres, 9
I like going to swim meets and competitive racing. I would definitely call myself a competitive person."

Olivia Dzurovcik, 9
I am a true punk rocker at heart."

Mackenzie Leick, 9
I like to longboard because I like adrenaline, I'm an adrenaline junky."



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Christopher Baltages
Alexander Baltensberger
Thomas Beckman

Olivia Bednarowski
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Cody Bertrand
Alexandria Bleza
Robert Blocher
Nemanja Bogunovic
Brandon Boilek
Joshua Brann

Mei Brasel
Ashley Breger
Isaac Brody
Kyrie Brown
Nicholas Buell
Olivia Buono
Gianna Burks
Cameron Bush

Kyle Buvala
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Jordan Chansler
Kirsten Chavez
Armani Chavolla
Siqi Chen
Kenneth Chinnam
Lexi Chipules
Safa Chowdhury
Abigail Chronowski

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Lillie Cockrum
Trevor Cole
Kayla Coleman

Lauren Comanse
Rodrigo Contreras
Jajuan Cooper
Brandon Cordero
Jason Crary
Stacey Cross
Christian Cruz
Hannah Curtis

Megan Dato
Christa Davis
Ajeyo De
Nicholas Decero
Alyssa Dejoan
Elisa Del Toro
Rosalinda Deluna
Logan Demkovich

Matthew Dempsey
Timothy Derolf
Seshan Devanathan
Christina Devries
Jennifer Diaz
Mackenzie Dickeson
Jillian Dixon
Steven Donovan

did geocaching CATCH YOUR EYE?

For Ruth Kurowski, sophomore, a classic childhood game went from a neighborhood scavenger hunt to a world-wide game in which millions compete in every day

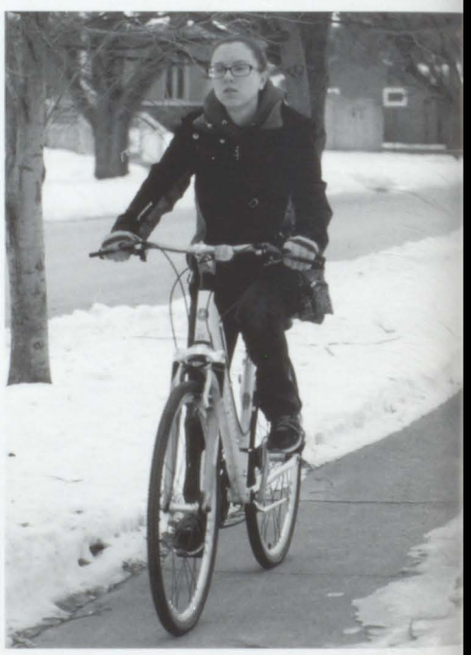
It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's an... empty Kool-Aid pouch wrapped in duct tape? Ruth Kurowski, sophomore, took an interest in geocaching and fell in love. Geocaching is the relatively new hobby of a worldwide scavenger hunt in which participants register a hidden object's geographic coordinates online to be found.

"I was instantly intrigued by the idea," Ruth said. "I enjoyed scavenger hunts, and geocaching is the ultimate search."

Geocaching led Ruth into all kinds of situations. Since strangers post the coordinates online, Ruth never anticipated what adventures the next set of coordinates would bring her. However, her experience was even more thrilling with her best friend right by her side for the adventure.

"My favorite aspect of geocaching was being able to get on m bike and just go out for the da with her," Ruth said. "Geocache were sometimes extremely diffi cult to find, but even if we didn' find any on that day, I got to spen some time with Lexi (Chipules sophomore)."

OUT AND ABOUT Riding her bike throug her neighborhood, Ruth Kurowski, sophomore embarks on tracking down another geocach "You really have to jump into geocaching to ap preciate the hunt," Ruth said.



start your *search*

Ruth Kurowski, sophomore, gave tips for those who were interested in beginning the adventurous geocaching search

- Sign up at www.geocaching.com
- Geocaches can be lost or destroyed by weather; check online to see if its owner has updated its condition before heading out
- Always carry a First Aid Kit and hand sanitizer in case of scratches or messy areas
- Make sure to bring small trinkets or toys to replace for a found geocache
- Never give up; the geocache could be one step away

Michael Brozovich, 11
"I broke both of my wrists in freshman year. We were playing basketball and I was blocking a shot and I flipped and fell.

Dania Sotak, 11
"I'm surprisingly good at dancing, like poms, jazz and hip-hop. I did not want to try out here, so I just played Just Dance in my own time.

Taneigh Boyd, 9
"I was determined to help others even when it's the simplest thing as giving a hug , I am also a very outgoing person and could make anyone laugh at any time.

Harsh Jhaveri, 11
"My ultimate goal in life is to help people. I want to change the world for the better forever. After I leave, I don't plan on having things be the same ever again.

Chloe Wineinger, 10
A fact that most people don't know about me is that one time I ran over my sister with a golf cart when I was seven.

Dorde Blagojevic, 11
I used to train in mixed martial arts. It was fun but very competitive. It was three hours of training everyday. I would do two hours of jiu jitsu and one hour of kickboxing.

Emilie Cobb, 9
I did karate when I was younger, and I got to a yellow belt. In 7th and 8th grade, I got into tae kwon do and I went to the orange belt.

Leann Dorabialski
Desirae Egebrecht
Adam Eickleberry
Nicholas Eliopoulos
Joshua Engle
Nicholas Enochs
Hannah Ernst
Corin Erwin

Evyn Everett
Jon Fahey-Smith
Sugar Fane
Mackinzie Farnell
Elizabeth Fies
Scott Fischer
Taylor Fitzsimmons
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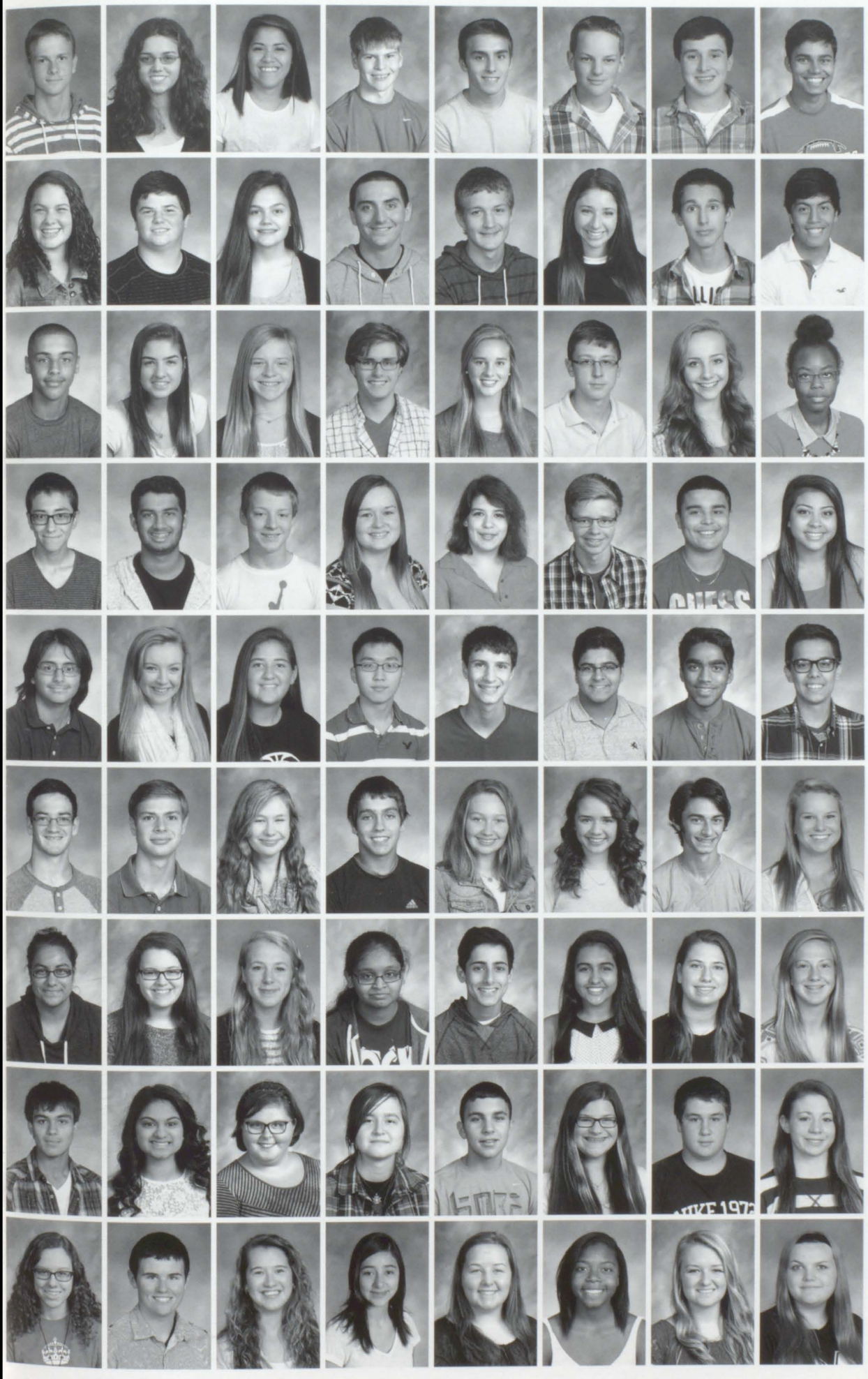

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Eric Salzeider
Samuel Schuler
Jaylan Scott

Clayton Seput
Paige Sevald
Perima Shah
Rasha Siddiqui
Angad Sidhu
Austin Skeens
Anna Slosser
Hunter Small

a whole NEW WORLD

Anna Whitney, sophomore, began learning Spanish, Russian and Ojibwe

Narrow brick roads and haciendas, Spanish houses, surround Anna Whitney, sophomore. She can only speak Spanish. No English. No cell phone. No Internet. But, she is not in Spain; she is actually in Bemidji, Minn.

In pursuit of learning Spanish, Russian and the Native-American language Ojibwe, Anna attended Concordia Language Village immersion camps over two summers. These camps emulated the environment of the language's native land and allowed her to experience international culture without leaving the U.S.

"It was similar to being dropped off in a foreign country," Anna said. "You could only communicate to other people by mail. You were so scared that you wouldn't be able to talk at all and no one would understand you, but ironically, they came to understand you so much better."

Anna had attended three immersion camps, each for the different languages she learned.

"Your daily languages were largely centered around the culture and you weren't just learning the language, but living in it," Anna said.

Anna's interest in learning different languages began taking Spanish in middle school. After realizing how she could excel in learning different languages, she decided to continue her pursuit.

"Although I really love to travel, I think learning languages wasn't just for going to other places but for meeting new people," Anna said. "It's all really about communication."

IT'S ALL IN THE LANGUAGE Russian-English Dictionary in hand, Anna Whitney, sophomore, studies the Russian language. Anna used online programs and dictionaries while learning Spanish, Russian and Ojibwe. "(The hardest part was) probably grammar," Anna said.

"

Breann Ward, 10
One time, I got bit by a monkey."

Frederick Beckman, 11
I love to go camping and spending time in the outdoors."

Diego Alanis, 11
I like all type of music, even country!"

Halen Paz, 9
A fact about myself that not many people know would be that my life is a roller coaster. It's terrible at some points and at other points it's amazing. It just depends on the kind of day I am having."

Anthony Ruffalo, 9
My great-grandmother had 25 kids. It was fun because there were a lot of kids my age. It would get overwhelmed a lot."

Carlos Douglas, 11
I have an extensive collection of Alan Silverstein CDs. At the moment I have 30. I started a collection because I'm in love with the music."

Gavin Tienstra, 12
Before I came to high school, I flew a plane at two separate occasions. My grandparents, for my eighth grade graduation, gave me five flight hours at the Lansing airport. There was an instructor with me while I was flying."

Zack Long, 12
I locked myself in a high school freezer once. Every year, Speech and Debate does a barbecue, and one of the things they serve is sherbet. At exactly 5:42 p.m., I found myself locked in one—accidentally—of course."

Anthony Smith
Kevin Smith
Kyle Smoda
Shane Smolinski
Jarod Sohacki
Nicholas Sopcic
Ella Speckhard
Lazar Stanisavljevic

Katelyn Stanko
Henry Stanley
Alexis Starkey
Sierra Stepanovich
Benjamin Stiffler
Lily Stooksbury
Franco Storino
Jacob Strbjak

Ashley Strege
Levi Strickland
James Svolos
Jordan Szymanski
Christian Tagamolila
Alexis Tanner
Christion Taylor
Porter Taylor

Lane Terry
Genesis Tienstra
Erik Tinoko
Stephanie Tirado
MacKenzie Torphy
Matthew Torres
Dailyn Townes
Matthew Travis II

Caia Trykall
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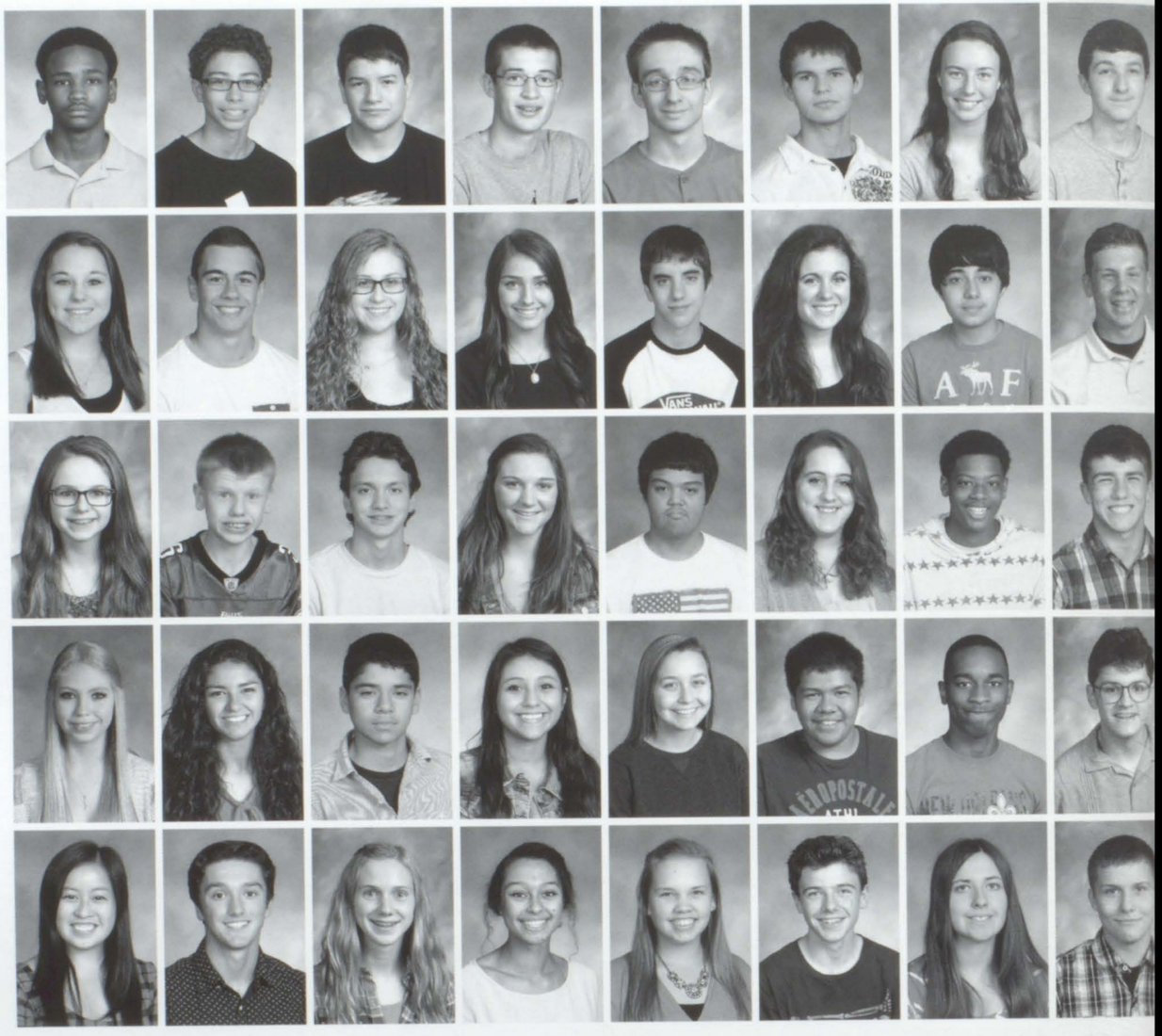
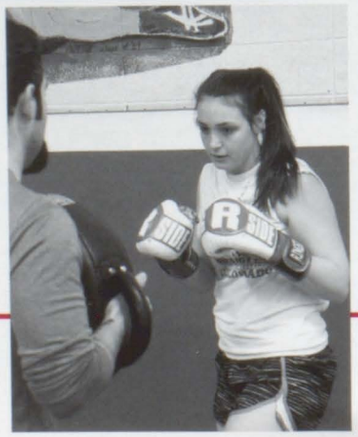


on the *case*

Police Explorers covered the basics of law enforcement at their meetings

POINT AND SHOOT During a Wednesday meeting, Lexi Chipules, sophomore, looked at a pellet gun. Meetings covered the basic knowledge for becoming a police officer, including the items an officer's belt or the various weapons officers use on duty.

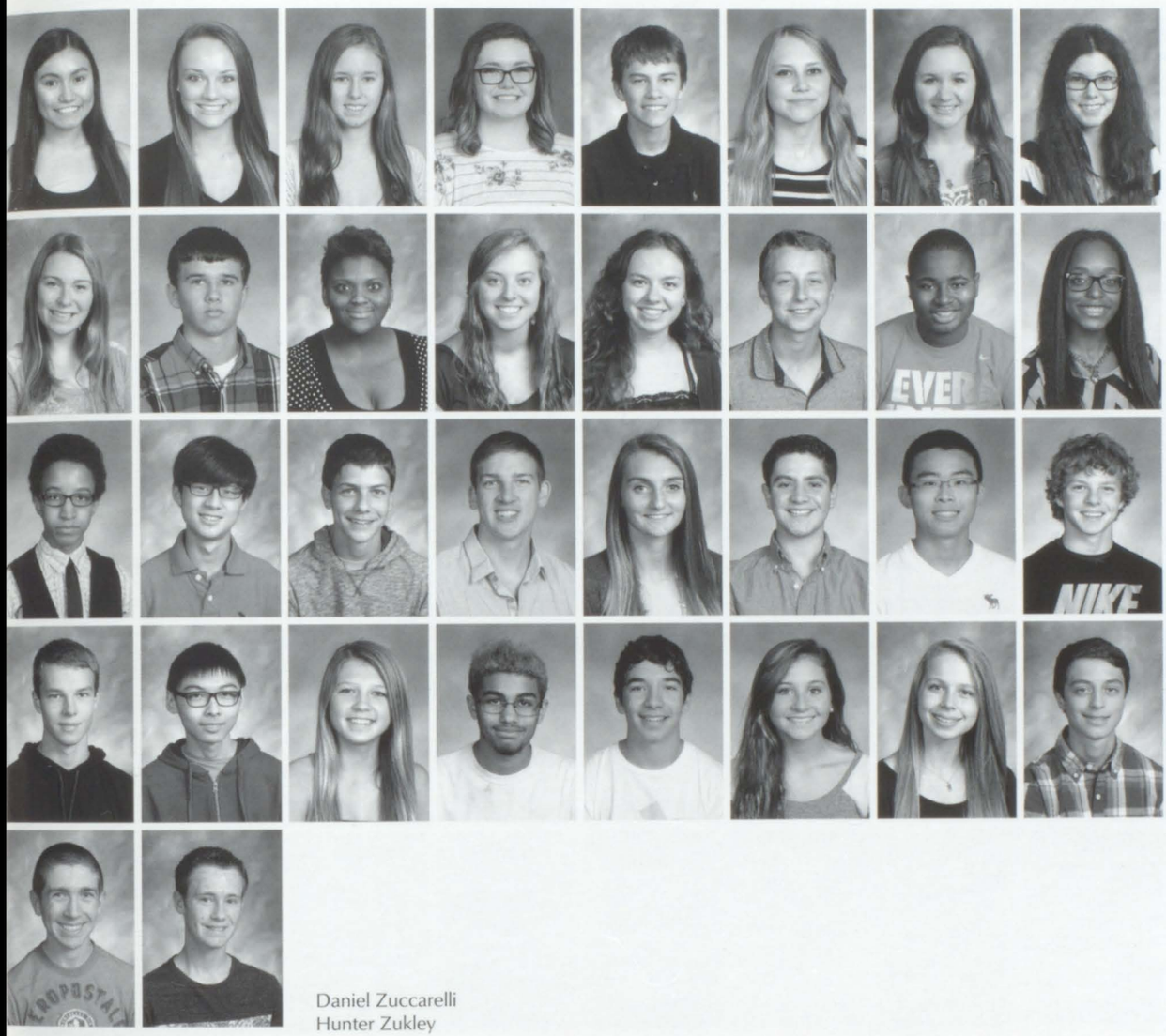


ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES As a part of her morning workout, Megan Vandergriff, junior, practiced boxing with Officer Erik Hollloway. "(This program will help in the future because) when I get to where I want to be, I'll know what it takes to make it," Megan said.

"

Abigail Kiesling, 10
I like penguins."

Kelsey Lynch, 12
I'm a very boring person."



Mariah Villaroman
Stephanie Vjestica
Nicole Wakefield
Breann Ward
Hunter Ward
Kayla Warner
Lily Warren
Nyssa Wedgeworth

Anna Whitney
Dalton Willcox
Kayla Williams
Megan Wimmer
Chloe Wineinger
Henry Wolf
Isaiah Woods
Makayla Woods

Jordan Wright
Patrick Wu
Aaron Wuchenich
Jack Wulf
Kayleigh Yaeger
Jacob Yalowitz
Alexander Yao
Arris Yoniles

Michael Yoniles
Alden Yuen
Samantha Zaborowski
Samuel Zachary
Frank Zahariadis
Hannah Zaremba
Emily Zellinger
Peter Zimmers

Daniel Zuccarelli
Hunter Zukley

there's a new

SHERIFF IN TOWN

Police Explorers learned about the different qualities needed to become a police officer

Shadows loom onto the wall as seven students and Officer Erik Holloway enter the building at 5:37 a.m. With the sun still down, members of the Police Explorers program enter the wrestling room for their weight training workout.

Along with their weekly Tuesday and Thursday morning workout sessions, Police Explorers held meetings every other Wednesday in the police station.

SON OF A GUN At the town garage, Shane Gomez, sophomore, practices shooting a paintball gun. Among the hands-on experience they received, Police Explorers watched smoke bombs and grenade launchers being shot off and practiced using a taser. "I need more experience right now, so when I go to the police academy, I'll already know things," Shane said.

"My favorite part about the program was probably the training we did and getting the experience and seeing what the police actually did," Lexi Chipules, sophomore, said.

Police Explorers became CPR certified, practiced fingerprinting, went to shooting ranges, joined police officers on patrol and acted out different scenarios, like bomb threats and hostage situations.

"(Police Explorers) teaches what the job really is, what it has to offer," Shane Gomez, sophomore, said. "It's not like what you watch on 'Cops' on TV. That doesn't actually happen."

Members also received hands-on experience while working activities around town, including directing traffic at the football games and working security at the St. Thomas More carnival.

"You had to deal with the public and the police officers and you couldn't mess around with it," Shane said.

From their time spent together, members formed the camaraderie found between police officers.

"Being in Explorers, it's team building," Shane said. "Officers are always having partners, like a family. We're family, we protect each other."

Camille Gullicho, 9
I finished four seasons of The Walking Dead in one week during summer."

T.J. Wiess, 12
I used to do karate, and I stopped last summer with a black belt."

Marijke Van Dyke, 10
I am committed to U of I (University of Illinois)"

Morgan Wittkowske, 12
I am a competitive archer."

Eleni Georgalas, 11
I'm a graffiti artist and I'm also trilingual."

Miranda Adams
Carl Adindu
Reem Alsakaji
Mohammad Alshamaileh
Julian Alvarado
Brianna Alvarez
Jacob Anderson
Jordan Andric

Lissette Araya
Dominic Arce
Michael Archer
Daniel Arellano
Matthew Armour
Bradley Artus
George Babus
Joseph Baeza

Brandon Baker
Sofia Balac
Melina Banaszak
Anusuya Bandyopadhyay
Benjamin Barilla
Madison Barnett
Mireya Barragan
Justin Barrows

Christopher Bedenk
Matthew Bensema
Joseph Bermudez
Nicole Biel
Veronica Bilek
Efthymia Bissias
Steven Black
Isabella Blackford

Ethan Boudreau
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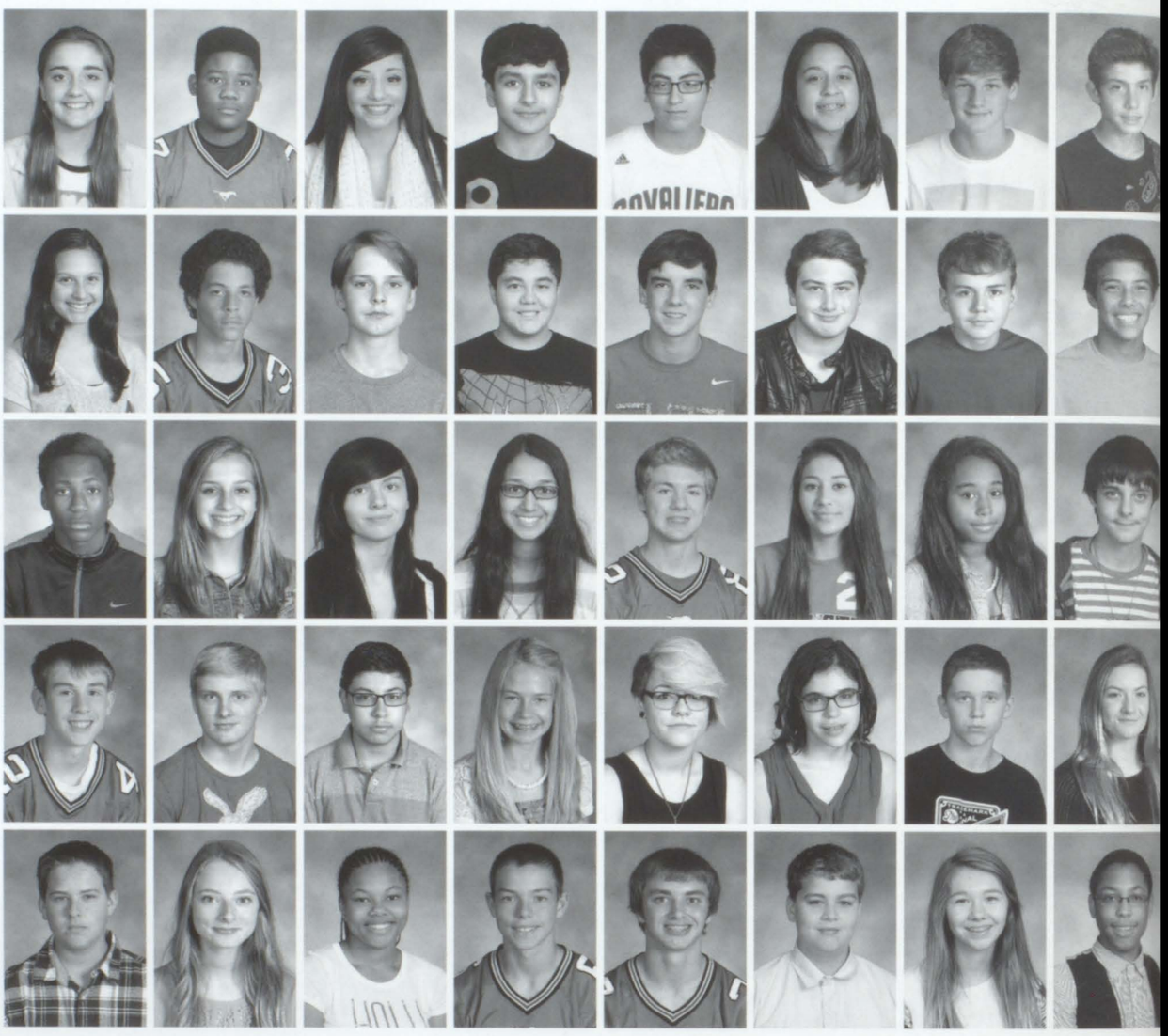
Ryan Brewer
Kiele Brown
Ian Brundige



it's all in the *card*

Amongst all the cards he owned, Tommy Maloney, freshman, favored some cards more than others

Mariano Rivera
"(Mariano Rivera) just retired, but he's also one of the greats."

Paul Konerko
"I had all the players (of the 2000 White Sox team), and that's the only one I had of the entire team. That's probably the most special group of cards I have."

Derek Jeter
"I watched (Derek Jeter) play. He was one of the greats, so that's why I liked him."

"

Cierra Uribe, 12
I used to want to be an astronaut."

Alejandro Ramirez, 10
A fact about myself that many people don't know is that I'm of Apache descent."

Nicole Mirowski, 12
I am a six-time Indiana State Champion for BMX Racing."

Jacob Brown, 12
I like to write songs and poems when I have free time."

Nicholas Lundin, 11
Not many people know this, but I'm Jewish."

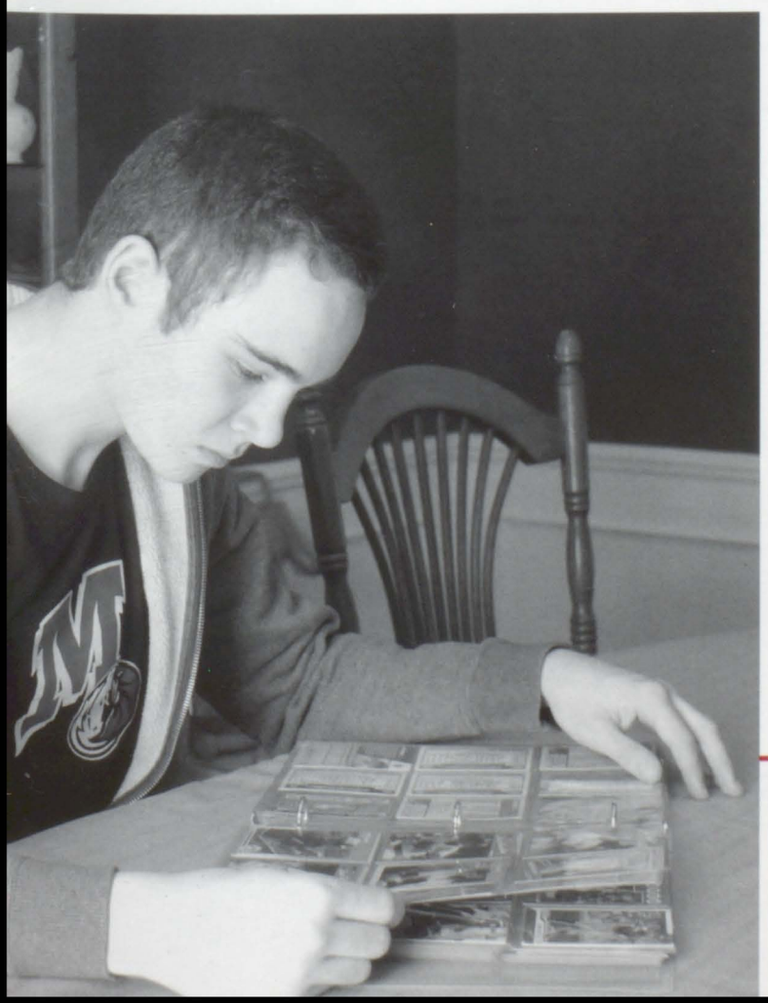
Angelo Bruno
Alexis Buchalo
James Bugajski
Dylan Bullock
Raheem Butler
Caleb Cala
Alexandra Campbell
Paxton Campbell

Kelli Canul
Richard Caraher
Alainna Carey
Monique Castro
Leah Chavez
Guhao Chen
Thalia Chioros
Amanda Chipules

Deandre Christian
Calvin Christiansen
Emilee Cobb
Kendall Coleman
Evan Conway
Max Corner
Cody Crary
Nicole Crowe

Annacoleen Cruz
Nadia Cruz
Naya Culpepper
Meochia Cummings
Nicholas Curski
Anna Dabrowski
Louis Dallecarbonare
Anthony Daniels

Caleb Davies
Nathalie De La Torre
Danielle Decesaris
Katie Dedelow
Michaela Del Rio
Peter Delis
Allison Demeter
Mara Dicarlo



out of the park COLLECTION

After beginning his baseball collection at eight years old, Tommy Maloney, freshman, owned over 1,000 cards

Ken Griffey Jr. smiles back at the room and Justin Verlander prepares for a pitch as he looks back in the room. Along with Albert Pujols and Jason Giambi, over 200 cards of famous baseball players line freshman Tommy Maloney's bedroom wall.

"In the past, I was a really big baseball fan, and I was really into (collecting baseball cards)," Tommy said. "So during the season, I would see the players, and I'd want their card."

At eight years old, he received his father's card collection which had around 500 cards. After building upon his father's, his collection grew to over 1,000 cards.

"It was special because he got them when he was growing up," Tommy said. "It was pretty cool that he got them and now gave it down to me. I might in the future sell them because they're really valuable, or I might keep them and give them down to my son one day and pass it down."

BOOK OF CARDS Looking through his binder of baseball cards, Tommy Maloney, freshman, reminisces on his favorites. "My most prized card is Michael Jordan's rookie card for the Sox," Tommy said.

Julia Chael, 11
I really want to be an astronaut."

Erin Wilkens, 9
I love penguins."

Andrew Vicari, 10
That I am good with computers and technology."

Emma Slosser, 12
I country line dance, in a place out in Lowell that I go with my friends. It's D.C. Country Junction. I was an assistant line dancing instructor for a while."

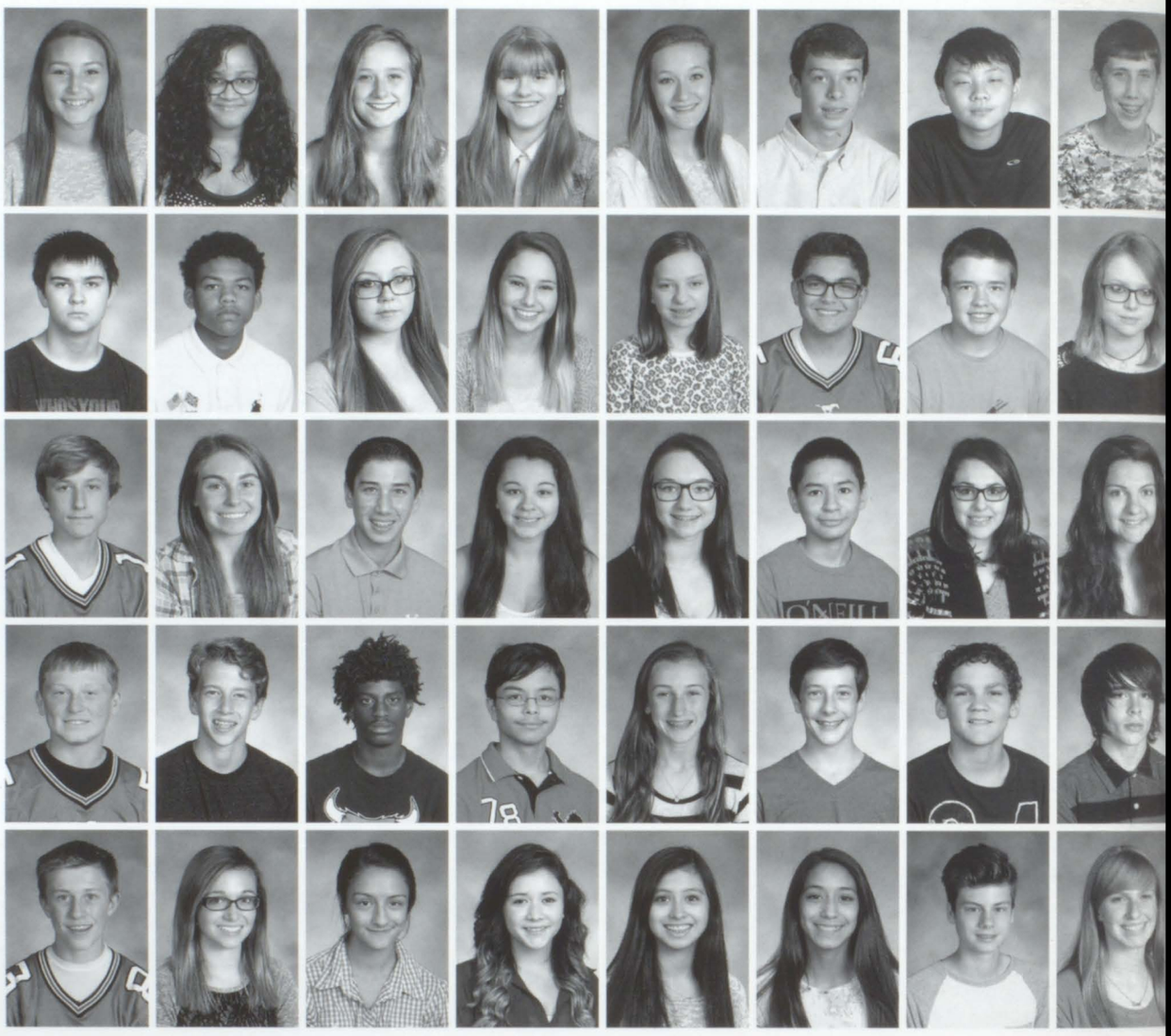
Madison Dinga
Mariah Dixon
Katherine Dodgson
Rebecca Dodgson
Molly Dolan
Michael Dolinski
Zachary Dong
Joshua Dragicevich

Richard Drwiega
Evan Dubose
Mackenzie Duff
Taylor Dvorscak
Olivia Dzurovcik
Jeremiah Eaton
Michael Edington
Megan Eickleberry

Alexander Eismin
Olivia Eldert
Zachary Eng
Erika Escutia
Chloe Faubion
Benjamin Favela
Olivia Ferrer
Taylor Fishman

Jacob Fitch
Micah Flahaven
Rashaun Flanagan-Seels
Alejandro Flores
Olivia Foley
James Forde
John Foster
Neil Gainer

Colin Gaither
Camille Gallicho
Kaylee Galvan
Maya Galvez
Sarah Gandarilla
Elise Garcia
John Gerber
Kimberly Giannini



stepping
INTO HER SHOES

Living through an opportunity, Liv Rivich, freshman, gained her experience and knowledge from a Chicago dance company through practices and performances

Going up to Chicago five times a week, Liv Rivich, freshman, vigorously practices for her dance company, Tyego Next Generation. With little to no time to do her homework, Liv focused on staying organized and managing her time wisely when at home.

"We usually left around 4, so I tried to do some of my homework before leaving," Liv said. "With whatever work I didn't get done beforehand, I finished once I got home, ate dinner and showered. Luckily, I am a night owl, so it wasn't hard to stay up late if I had to. I didn't usually feel overwhelmed since I could finish most of my homework in school."

Always having two major performances a year on the dancers' minds, Liv and her classmates focused on what needed to be practiced and perfected in order to perform their best.

"The biggest performance we did was *The Nutcracker*, which is done every year," Liv said. "But we had a smaller spring performance where we did variation showcases and student choreography for the Gala for the company."

When talking about her future, Liv did not hesitate to say that she wished for dance to always be a part of her life.

"I want to try to dance in college as much as I can and hopefully get into a company," Liv said.

"

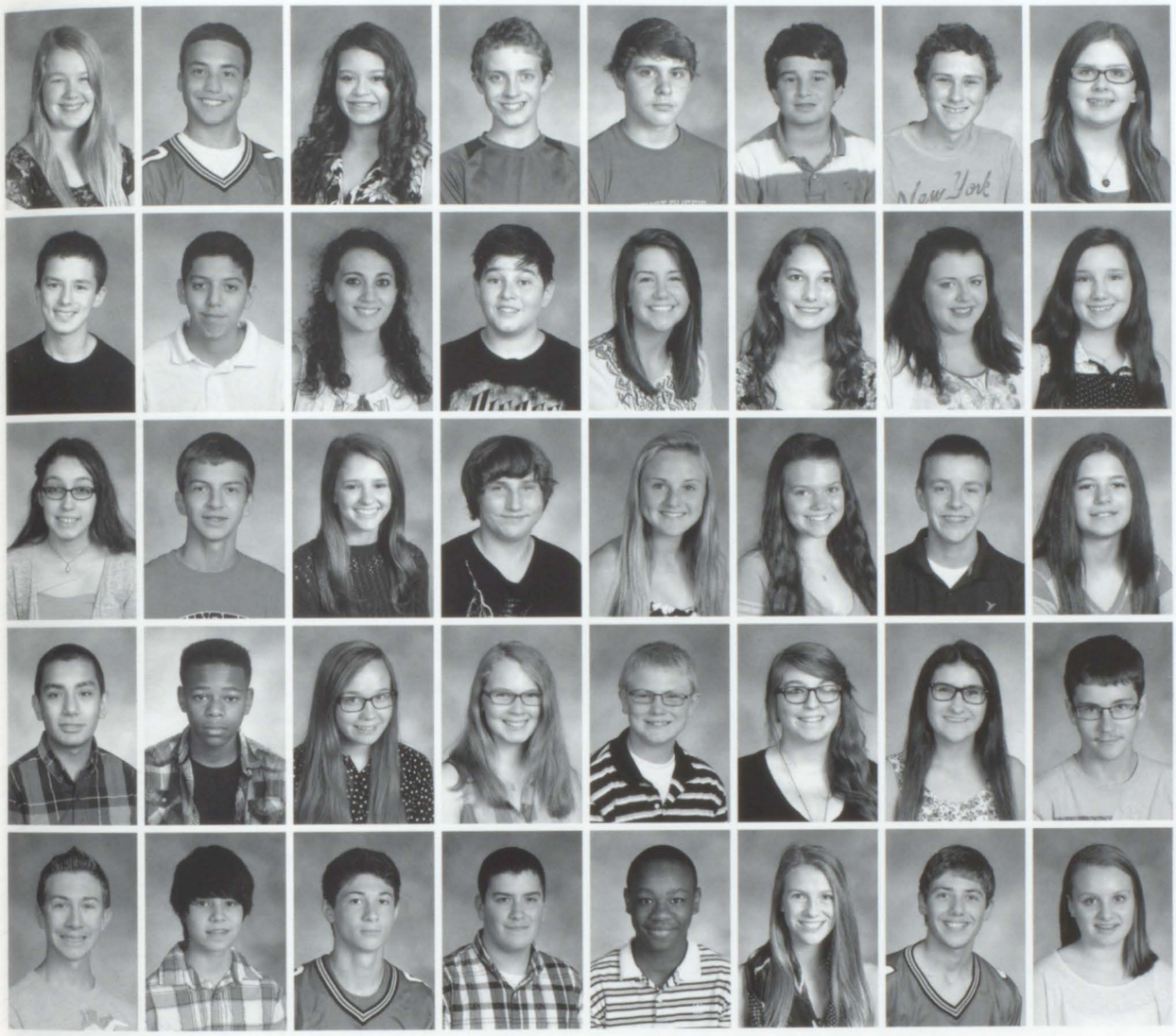
Jake Comanse, 12
I enjoy brussel sprouts."

Madison Dinga, 9
I really enjoy going to musicals and also participate in theater."

William Ault, 11
I can ride a unicycle."

Matt Aquino, 10
I earned my black belt when I was in 6th grade."

Ashwin Iyer, 10
I can speak six different languages."



Hannah Giba
Justin Gill
Jacqueleen Gonzalez
Bradley Goralczyk
Devin Grabelle
John Groen
Dakota Gronkiewicz
Haleigh Gronwold

Anthony Guba
Alejandro Guerrero
Eveen Haddad
Gavin Hamilton
Gwynn Hammermeister
Emma Hand
Morgan Hanenburg
Haley Hargrove

Anjelina Haro
Jonathan Harris
Emma Harvath
Brian Hathaway
Jaycee Helmer
Sierra Helton
Jake Hemingway
Haley Hensley

Estanislao Herrera
Gregory Hester
Olivia Hesterman
Shannon Hocker
Cameron Hoekstra
Tiffany Holbrook
Taylor Homans
Joshua Hoogewerf

Logan Hoskins
Michael Hrinda
Elijah Huggins
Jordan Hyberger
Khaleel Igue
Gabrielle Ingoglia
Marco Ivetich
Grace Iwachiw

perfecting the stance

Lending a perfectly positioned hand, Liv Rivich, freshman, gave her advice on to properly position the body, from head to pointe shoe

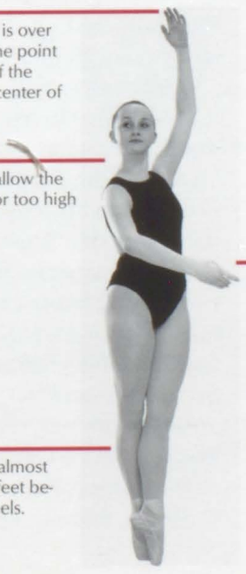
TURN OUT Positioning her body correctly, Liv Rivich, freshman, perfects her posture while walking through one of her dances. "I always checked my body to see if everything was in the right position," Liv said.

PREP TIME Putting on her pointe shoes, Liv Rivich, freshman, mentally prepares herself for practice. "I usually thought about any mistakes I had made in the previous practice and how I could correct myself and be better for this practice," Liv said.

Make sure everything is over the box—the top of the point shoe - and apply all of the body's weight to the center of the shoes.

It is important to not allow the chin to stray too low or too high away from the neck.

The thighs cross over almost completely while the feet become one toe, two heels.



This hand has a particular position it needs to stay in —the middle finger goes towards the thumb, which bends inward, while the pointer, ring and pinky fingers face outward. The arm needs to stay at waist-length in front of the body - not completely crossing the body, but not too opened either.

Source: Liv Rivich, freshman

Sripad Sai Kodukula, 12
I moved here from India in 6th grade."

Andrew Monthie, 11
I collect shoes."

Olivera Todorovic, 12
I can lick my elbow. Pretty impressive if I do say so myself."

Josh Perez, 10
I live in East Chicago. I haven't lived there all my life but I like going to school here."

Olivia Foley, 9
I have a metal bar in my chest to fix my sternum."

Jesis Ghimire, 10
I'm from Nepal."

Chloe Jancosek
Malcolm Jasper
Jalen Johnson
Josiah Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Jack Jones
Mariah Juarez
Amy Kaniewski

Mihir Kansara
Daniel Kapitan
Nathan Kekelik
Emily Kelding
Scott Kenning
Paige Kessler
Christopher Kirincic
Keegan Kisala

Emma Klefeker
Brandon Kleist
Matthew Klys
Adam Kojich
Kali Konstantinopoulos
Britney Kozinski
Cody Kranc
Kinan Kudaimi

Lauren Kuipers
Cameron Kwasigroch
Zoe Lakomek
Demonte Lavizzo
Tara Layous
Ryan Leahy
Mackenzie Leick
Taylor Levan

Matthew Levin
Ethan Levy
Hannah Levy
Merrick Lieser
Vaughn Lolkema
Silvia Lombardo
Andrea Lopez
Justin Lukowski

the queen of TRAMPOLINES

By practicing gymnastics for five days a week, Sophia Sakelaris, freshman, earned her gold

Standing on the stage, Sophia Sakelaris, freshman, receives her second gold medal from the USA Gymnastics National Championship. Over the summer Sophia traveled to Spokane, Wash. to compete in her trampoline event.

"When I competed nationally, I competed against everybody nationwide that was my level and age," Sophia said.

The win did not surprise her because she won the year before. Typically, when people competed in gymnastics, 0.1 or 0.2 points separated first and second place, according to Sophia. But when she competed, she had a far larger point disparity.

"Normally (when I competed) it was like five to ten points. I think it was because I worked hard and I was dedicated. I guess I was known (by competitors) on the national level," Sophia said.

In order to make the national team with Midwest Sophia practiced and worked with her trainers for three and a half hours a day, five days a week.

"Practices were rough and everything, but I wanted to do well at the competitions," Sophia said. "I always told myself if I didn't go to practice or didn't work hard at practice, I wouldn't do well."

Even with the length of practice, Sophia enjoyed placing high at the national competitions. She does have an interest in competing in the World Gymnastics Competition (Worlds), an annual event that features the top international gymnasts facing one another.

"The whole Olympic thing—(gymnasts) don't idolize that, it's every four years," Sophia said. "They want to go to Worlds because it's for trampolines and it's every year. I think I could go if I work really hard."

"

Stevie McDunn, 9
I can ride a unicycle."

Gwynn Hammermeister, 9
I have a fear of caterpillars and butterflies."

Serena Marin, 10
I've read the Harry Potter series nine times."

Connor Bubash, 11
I've snuck into quite a few concerts."

Thalia Chioros, 9
My record for sneezing is 19 times in a row."

Mark Phelps, 12
I have four dogs and two cats and a bird."

Elian Magana
Fatima Mahmood
Isabella Malagon
Thomas Maloney
Aleksandra Manojlovic
Matthew Manous
Anastasia Margaris
Lindsey Martin

Jari Martinez
Silvia Martinez
Sara Mavity
Matthew McCraw
Amanda McCullough
Steven McDunn
James McKeever
Christopher McLeod

Connor McLeod
Luciano Medina
Brooke Metzger
Connor Meyer
William Michalski
Kalie Miles
Michael Miles
Ian Miller

Tegan Miller
Ferrance Mittelberger
Noah Moell
Chloe Moffett
Ubaid Ur Mohammed
Karina Monjaras
Zackery Montes
Noah Montoya

Braedin Moore
Robert Moore
Taylor Moreno
Emily Mudroncik
Citlali Munoz
Citlaly Munoz
Rebecca Munoz
Jack Murphy

GOING FOR GOLD Inside of her house, Sophia Sakelaris, freshman, cleans out the medals on her trophy case. "(At competitions) you had an award time and you had to go to that, but you already knew what you got before awards because they had a giant screen that showed who was in first, second and third," Sophia said.

FLIP SIDE After cheer practice, Sophia practices her back handspring. Her involvement with gymnastics helped her become one of the two freshmen on varsity cheer.

practice makes *perfect*

For the 2015 competition season, the compulsory trampoline routine for Sophia Sakelaris, freshman, consisted of jumping while also completing these nine steps in 15 seconds

1 BACK STRAIGHT
Sophia Sakelaris, freshman, moved her body straight in the air and flipped backwards.

2 BARANI STRAIGHT
While in the air, she made her body straight and flipped forwards and did a half twist.

3 PIKE JUMP
While in the air, she put her legs in a 90 degree angle.

4 BACK PIKE
She jumped backwards with her legs in a 90 degree angle.

5 BARANI PIKE
She combined the Barani Straight with a Pike Jump.

6 STRADDLE JUMP
While in the air, she put her body in a straddle position.

7 BACK TUCK
She jumped backwards and kept her body in a tuck position.

8 TUCK JUMP
While in the air, she tucked her legs in together.

9 THREE QUARTER BALL OUT
She arched her body, and kept it straight to land on her back. When landing, she used the airtime to do a front tuck and land on her feet.

Maria Kyriakos, 11
I'm going to New York for a three day fashion school where I will meet many famous stylists and designers."

Jane Sannito, 12
I love dancing. Dancing gives me a way to express myself without using words."

Hayley Kwasniewski, 12
I got stuck in a baby swing 8th grade and had to be cut out with the jaws of life."

Lane Terry, 10
A fact about me that not many people know is I was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico."

Christina DeVries, 10
I lived in Israel for a year."

Dailyn Mendez, 10
Delaney (Mendez, junior) is my sister."

Dustin Crull, 11
"I know how to walk silently because of Native American techniques."

Nimeh Musleh
Sofia Navarro
Adam Nawab
Abigail Negri
Matilde Nelson
Helen Newton
Michael Nieminski
Abigail Nita

Kwame Nnuro-Frimpong
Joshua Novosel
Christina Nowaczyk
Lauryn Nunez
Connor Nussbaum
Colin O`Brien
Megan O`Brien
Zoe O`Dea

Samantha O`Donnell
Arlee O`Shaughnessy
Adaobi Okolocha
Ameerah Omar
Diana Ortiz
Berenise Ortiz-Hernandez
Vanessa Pascual
Ryanna-Kimberly Pastrana

Aneri Patel
Sunny Patel
Alyssa Pawlik
Halen Paz
Khavand Peddi
Alexis Pedraza
Julia Pena
Amanda Perez

Cody Phillips
Brianna Plemons
Aavery Poelinitz
Lilian Porter
Nakiya Porter
Alejandro Presutti
Emma Progler
Jeshua Pugh

legends in THE MAKING

When freshman excelled in their extracurricular, they did not go unnoticed

extemp it up

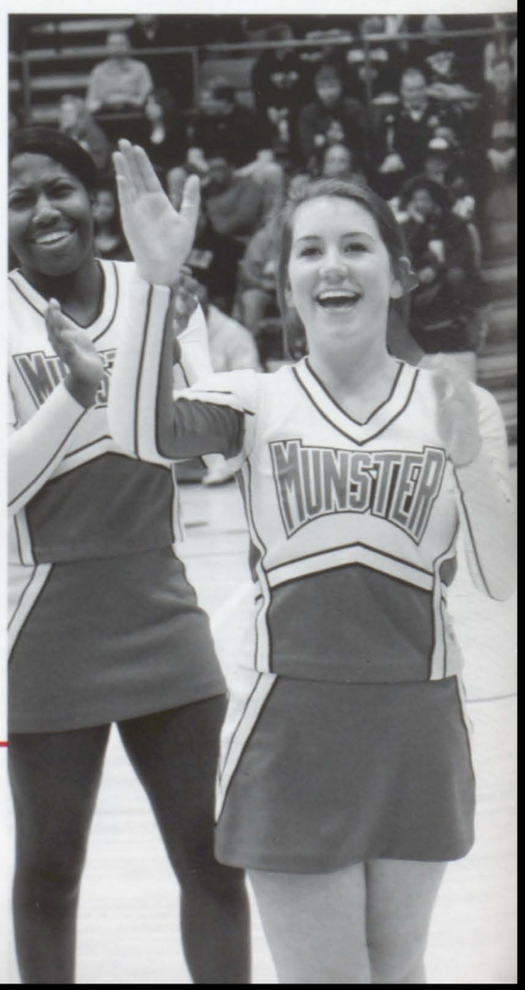
In search of a challenge, Tara Layous, freshman, joined the Extemporaneous Speech Team

When Tara Layous, freshman, made the Speech Travel team, she was ready to start competing. After being on the team for just over a semester, Tara developed strong speaking, performance and presentation skills.

By her senior year, Tara hopes to see herself competing and helping out other freshman along the way.

"I'd also like to place top two at Districts and make it to Nationals," Tara said.

SPEAKING OUT Tara Layous, freshman, went over current events with her coach, Mr. Donald Fortner, Economics teacher. "My favorite thing about Speech was just being able to say that I knew what was going on in the world," Tara said.



"

Brett Miller, 12
I was born on Friday the 13th."

Sydney Kaplan, 11
I'm very artistic."

Victoria Reardon, 9
I miss Twisty the clown."

Nick Buell, 10
I played soccer for seven years. My uncle influenced me to start. My favorite part is running because it's just fun."

Katherine Radde
Rebecca Radtke
Carson Ramirez
Joshua Ranich
Andrew Rapata
Ben Rasamimari
Victoria Reardon
Justin Reba

Adam Reinsma
Cody Reinsma
Abigail Resch
Alexa Reyes
Joseph Richard
Aaron Richards
Jenai Richards
Guiseppe Riggio

Maeve Riley
Breanna Riordan
Abigail Rivera
Samantha Rivera
Verania Rivera
Olivia Rivich
Joseph Roe
Logan Rogers

Anthony Ruffalo
Osama Safi
Natalia Salazar
James Salisbury
Alec Samardzich
Sam Sanchez
Carrington Sanders
Ravani Sansoya

Christopher Sauer
Ashley Savickis
Fayth Schutter
Sarah Seaman
Jenna Sell
Dominick Servi
Francesca Servi
Isabella Servi

cheer *competent*

Cheerleading became a passion for Gwynn Hammermeister, freshman, when she became inspired to join the sport at a young age

After Gwynn Hammermeister, freshman, first saw cheerleaders at the age of six, while at her brother's football game, she fell in love. As a freshman on the Varsity Cheer team, Gwynn practiced 4-8 hours during the school week and attended competitions on the weekends.

By her senior year, she hopes that she had fun throughout her sophomore and junior year, and she also would like to encourage other students to cheer alongside of her.

"I hope to inspire young girls like I once was," Gwynn said.

TUMBLING TO THE TOP Mid back handspring, Gwynn Hammermeister, freshman, tried to perfect her tumbling during cheer practice. "I liked tumbling because it's unique," Gwynn said. "While mostly everyone can do a cart wheel, I felt accomplished doing back handsprings and harder skills during games. Also, no matter what kind of day I had, it was nice having tumbling as my stress reliever."

dressed for *success*

After joining DECA Ian Brundige, freshman, learned target marketing

Ian Brundige, freshman, decided to join DECA in hopes to learn more about business. His interest and hard work payed off when he became one of three freshman who made it to Nationals after he placed second at State in Apparel and Accessories.

At State, Ian participated in two business marketing role plays which consisted of him trying to come up with a solution for a men's store going out of business.

"I learned a lot about business and developed new friendships as well," Ian said. "It was a great experience."

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS Viewing the supplies being sold by DECA, Ian Brundige, freshman, walks around the newly-reopened bookstore. "(The bookstore) was really interesting," Ian said. "Our goal was to make it a collegiate bookstore."

Nikki Katalinic, 10
I play the ukulele."

Ian Frantal, 10
I play the bass guitar."

Allison Hemingway, 12
I'm related to Ernest Hemingway."

Mikell Wright, 10
That I enjoy writing."

Joshua Perez, 10
I play volleyball."

Olivia Rivich, 9
I listen to Tchaikovsky on the daily."

Adam Kojich, 9
I know a lot about the European theater of WWII."

Maxwell Servi
Ria Shah
Benjamin Shelton
Alexandria Shinkan
Owais Siddiqui
Rayyan Siddiqui
Brandon Silver
Cameron Smith

Russell Smith
Marni Smoda
Allison Snyder
Kyle Snyder
Noah Sohacki
Ryan Sonnenberg
Alec Spicer
Samuel Springsteen

Laith Srour
Emily Staniszewski
Amy Stankiewicz
Camryn Stassin
Lauren Stofko
Jason Stout
Jack Strimel
David Suarez

Mitchell Switalla
Nicholas Szala
Matthew Tabaczynski
Samuel Taboada
John Tade
Jessica Tarpo
Caleb Thomas
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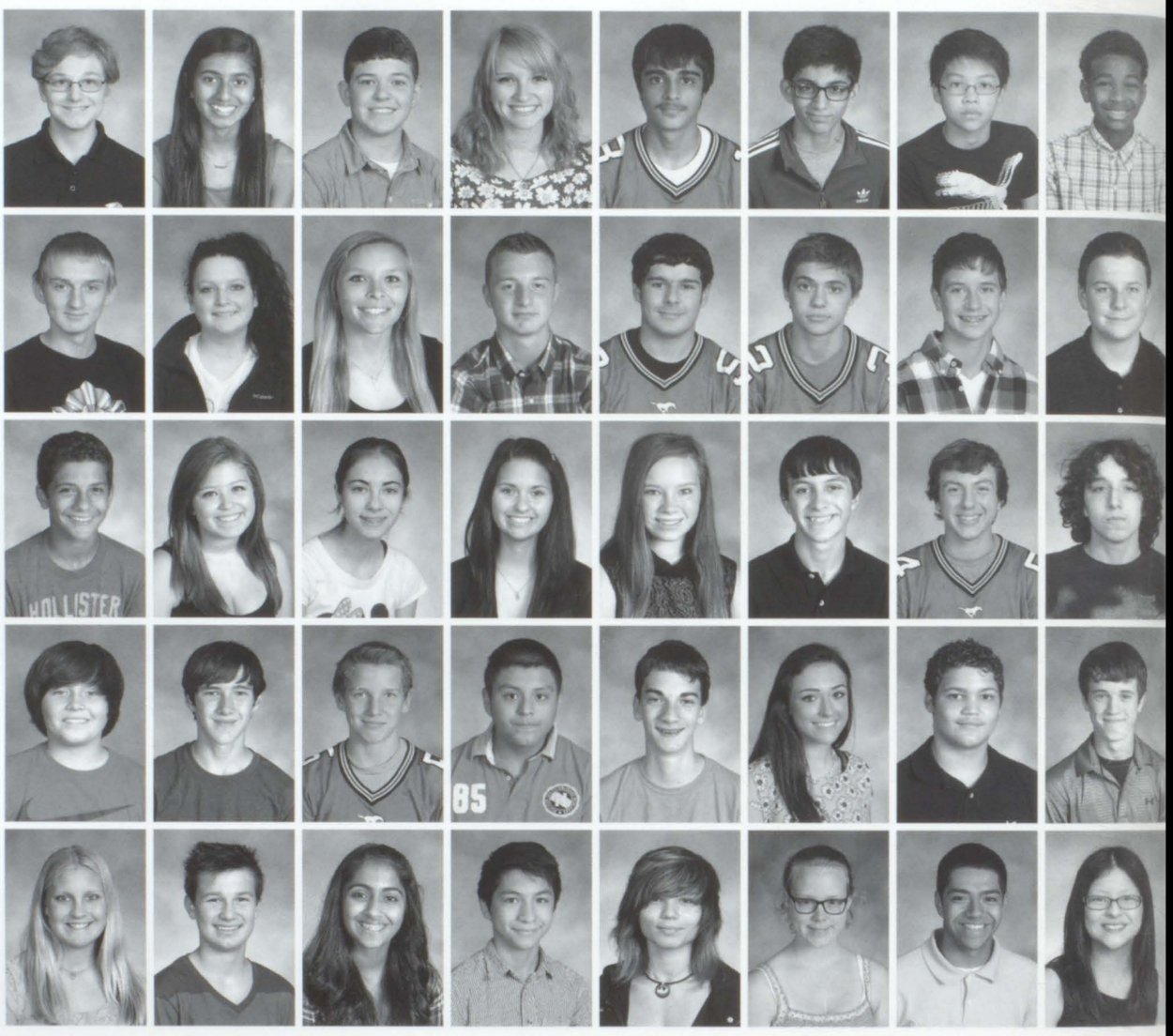

becoming be(*you*)tiful

Giving tips and essentials, Megan told her viewers what to do and what not to do with makeup

Preferred Brands:

+ Urban Decay
+ Benefit
+ Too Faced

Makeup Tips:

+ "Always match foundation to neck, never face."
+ "Clean brushes often."
+ "Stay away from clumpy eyelashes."
+ "Don't cake up on makeup; a little goes a long way."

Source: Megan Wolski, freshman

MIRROR, MIRROR As she applies her bronzer, Megan Wolski, freshman, practices her make-up before filming a video. "I had some drugstore and some expensive makeup," Megan said. "My makeup essentials included eyeliner, eyebrows, bronzer and mascara."

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+Lizzie DellaRocco, 12
"I was a cheerleader and captain my freshman year."

+Emily Rhoda, 12
"I do belly dancing for fun."

+Lilean Mansour, 10
I like to sing a lot, just not in front of people."

+Callie Poulopolis, 9
I have done ballet since I was little."

Kestutis Vaitkus
Hansa Vavilala
Easan Venkat
Kaylie Vickers
Aileen Wagner
Eric Wallace
Shekinah Walton
Sarah Wanicki

Reed Watkins
Jennifer Watterson
Alexander Weakland
Vivian Wei
Laura Weller
Robert Wente
Autumn Whaley
Jessica Wiess

Erin Wilkens
Victoria Williams
Ethan Witt
Joseph Wleklinski
Michelle Wojciechowski
Megan Wolski
Ian Woolsey
Samuel Woolsey

Alexandra Wright
Joseph Yoniles
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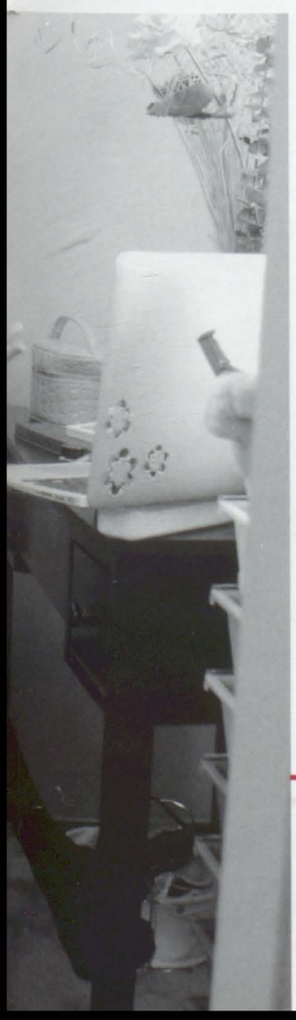
Andrew Zachary
Stone Zadrozny
Jason Zajac
Andrew Zajakowski
Amanda Zak

Sophia Zavala
Kendal Ziel



makeup

BY MEGAN

From makeup to hair tips, Megan Wolski, freshman, gave advice on her YouTube channel

Laptop up. Curling iron heated. Makeup ready. Camera on. While this ritual may seem nerve-wracking to others, making videos for YouTube feels natural for Megan Wolski, freshman. Megan created a YouTube channel to share beauty advice with the world.

"Since I learned a lot from YouTube about makeup, I wanted to teach others tricks that I learned," Megan said.

To Megan, making the videos was not about the number of views or subscribers.

"My favorite part was mostly the filming and setting up different things," Megan said. "I'm also very talkative, so I liked talking to the camera. I mostly made the videos for my own enjoyment, so if others saw it, that was cool, too."

Although she generally received 60 to 70 views per video, Megan's most viewed video gained 800 views. This personal best was inspired by Megan's real life.

"The most views I've ever gotten was on a video about what to do once you get your braces off," Megan said.

After watching numerous videos on YouTube before creating her own channel, Megan found inspirations for her own videos.

"My biggest inspiration was Jaclyn Hill," Megan said. "She was one of the first people I watched do makeup. She used really good products and explained in a lot of detail that really helped me. I enjoyed watching her videos, so I hope others enjoyed watching mine, too."

LIVE FROM MUNSTER Talking in front of the camera is always easy for Megan Wolski, freshman. As she shoots a video for her YouTube channel, Megan begins giving her advice on beauty. "My channel was about beauty in general," Megan said. "I mostly focus on makeup because that's what I'm best at, but if I find something else I'm good at, I'll usually show them that, too."

Rachel Jones, 12
I have a pet rabbit named Cookie, which I found out after I got her that I was allergic to her."

Camryn Stassan, 9
I have danced ballet my whole life, but people don't know this because they only know that I play soccer."

Logan Mohrs, 11
I'm trying to get an internship for a physics research company called Ferni Labs. I'm aspiring to become a theoretical physicist."

Shane Smolinski, 10
I learned and trained myself to solve the Rubik's cube in under a minute to impress my rivals."

Siman Khatra, 10
I am mostly Indian, but I've never been to India."

Gustavo Magana, 12
I wear a size 10 in shoes."

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Linda Baker: Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Kelly Barnes: English, Poetry Club Sponsor
Mr. Brent Barton: Math, Best Buddies Sponsor
Dr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director

Mrs. Donna Buck: West Lake
Mr. Brian Clark: Athletic Director
Ms. Kathleen Clemens: English, Speech & Debate Coach
Mr. Kevin Clyne: English
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English, English Department Chair

Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo: Foreign Language, Foreign Language Department Chair
Mrs. Jean Dohman: Food Services
Mr. Mark Dye: Social Studies
Mr. Peter Fatouros: Guidance Counselor, Best Buddies Sponsor
Mr. Carl Fields: Art, Art Department Chair

Mr. Don Fortner: Social Studies, Social Studies Department Chair
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish
Mrs. Cara Germann: Science, Girls' Track & Field Coach
Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services Assistant
Mr. Michael Gordon: Social Studies, We the People Sponsor

guess who said what?

Throughout their high school careers, students could hear these teachers and administrators saying these catchphrases

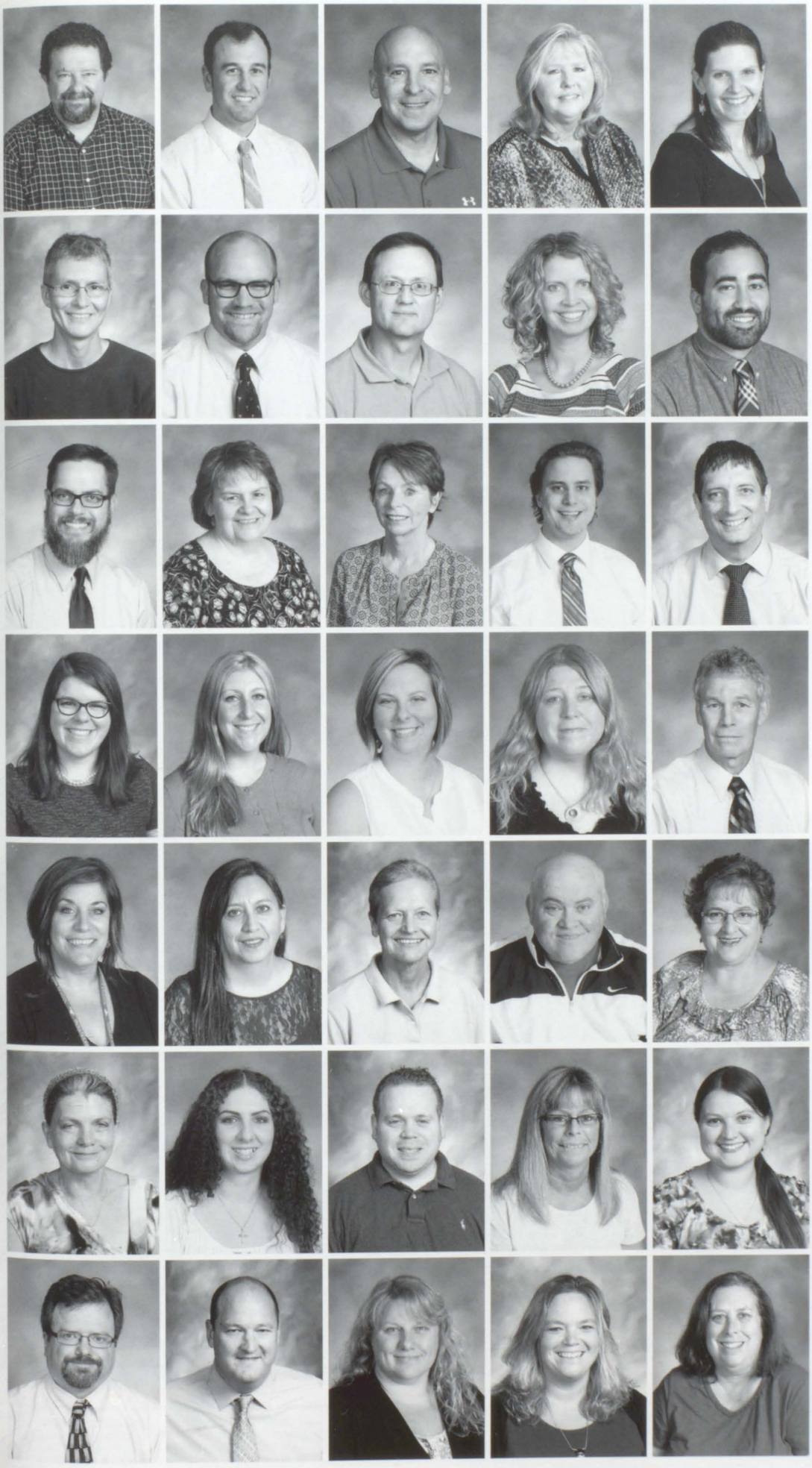
1. Before starting a lesson this teacher often told his students **"let us delve on in."**
2. This teacher liked to call Thursdays **"Friday-eve."**
3. When students tried to disrupt class, this teacher stopped them by saying **"blah blah blah."**
4. Once he or she finished an announcement or e-mail, he or she would sign off and say **"have a Mustang day."**
5. When passing out a test, this teacher would always remind students that they were taking a **"quizzy poo."**

A. Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher
B. Mrs. Florencia Stoll, foreign language teacher
C. Mr. Robert Snyder, Assistant Principal
D. Mr. Michael Coil, science teacher
E. Mrs. Pat Premetz, math teacher

Answers: 1)A 2)E 3)B 4)C 5)D

CAT CALLS Wearing her whistle, Student Government sponsor Ms. Angela Wayne, social studies teacher, referees at a volleyball game. Oftentimes she talked about her cats at Student Government meetings and in her classes. "Cats are the best animal on the planet," Ms. Wayne said. "If you met my two cats, Bella and Boo, you'd be a cat person too."

FAMILY TIME During class Mr. Rick Sluder, social studies teacher, often used his family as teaching examples. "For the subjects I taught, sociology and psychology, using kids was easy to do," Mr. Sluder said. "Since I have two (children), it was easy to use them as the examples."



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Mr. Nicholas Gron: Math, Boys' Track Coach
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Freshmen CEC Sponsor

Ms. Kelly Haussman: Science
Mr. Joshua Herold: Social Studies, Freshmen Football Assistant Coach
Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Science
Mrs. Amanda Holloway: English
Mr. Bojan Jovanovic: Social Studies, Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Matt Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshmen Football Coach
Mrs. Debra Kelley: Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Anne Kinser: Auditorium Secretary
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Mr. Keith Koszut: Science, Academic Team Coach, Science Department Chair

Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman: English, Photography, Publications Director
Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte: Family and Consumer Science, Student Government Sponsor
Mrs. Brook Lemon: English
Ms. Marcia Levan: West Lake
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Ms. Elena Lopez: Art, Art Club Sponsor
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Mr. Leroy Marsh: Health, Varsity Football Coach
Mrs. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist, Read & White Book Club Sponsor

Ms. Peggy Matanic: English, GSA Sponsor
Ms. Sarah Matthies: West Lake
Mr. Jordan Mayer: English, Speech & Debate Director
Mrs. Penny Mayer: Athletic Secretary
Miss Catherine Mazeikas: Science, Robotics Sponsor

Mr. James McNabney: English
Mr. William Melby: Dean of Students
Mrs. Lisa Mella: English, West Lake
Mrs. Denise Moore: Dean of Students
Mrs. Teresa Needles: West Lake

Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Center Secretary
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Science, Head Boys' and Girls'Cross Country Coach
Mr. Morgan Nolan: Assistant Principal
Ms. Bridget Parker: Orchestra Director
Mr. Mathew Pavlovich: Physical Education, Boys' and Girls' Swimming Coach

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Mrs. Athena Svolos: Bookkeeper
Ms. Kristen Szafasz: Social Studies, Junior CEC Sponsor

Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: Audio Visual Secretary
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Assistant Superintendant
Mr. Brian Vance: Art, Football Coach
Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Math, Academic Team Coach
Miss Angela Wayne: Social Studies, Student Government Sponsor, Civics Club Sponsor

Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: English, Project X Sponsor
Mrs. Jackie White: Guidence Secretary
Mr. William Woods: Music, Vocal Ensembles Sponsor
Mrs. Janet Wories: West Lake, Freshmen Volleyball Coach
Mr. Stephen Wroblewski: Math

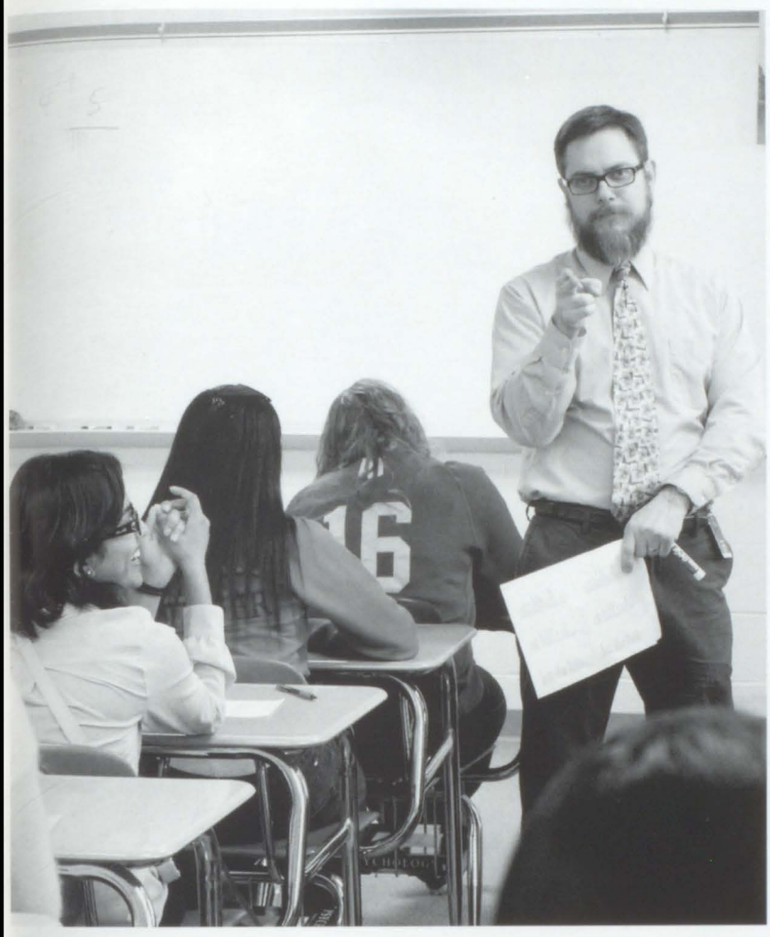
"What is your most memorable moment from high school?" Paragon asked, and alumni responded.

Mr. William Melby, '88
The final four for football — I won it with my teammates, the people who I still talk to and will cherish those memories with."

Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo, '87
IU honors — I got to skip Senor LaReau's class."

Mr. Mark Knight, '08
All of the moments in the classrooms were great with the teachers."

Ms. Kristen Szafasz
Senior year prom because it was the last time we would be together and the last thing you remember from high school."



back to THEIR ROOTS

After graduating, alumni made the decision to return to their hometown where they sought a teaching position

Reliving the past, alumni think about what it was like to sit in the seats that current students now sit in. Looking back on his first day teaching 13 years ago, Mr. Matt Kalwasinski ('95), social studies teacher, recalled what it was like to see the teachers who once mentored him become a coworker.

"At first it was a little weird that I knew and was taught by some of the teachers I now work with," Mr. Kalwasinski said. "Even to this day, I rarely call a former teacher by their first name, like Mr. Fortner is still Mr. Fortner and Coach Marsh is still just that, Coach Marsh."

POINTING FINGERS Playing his usual review game, Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, points towards the student answering the question. "It (the game) seemed to have a beneficial outcome on students' understanding of terms and readiness for exams," Mr. Kalwasinski said. "When I don't use the game, students tell me they wish I would have."

Having someone to look up to, alumni Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo (87), Spanish teacher, remembered how she had been influenced to become a teacher by her father, who taught at the middle school.

"He would always tell me that I was going to become a teacher, but I didn't believe him," Mrs. Dettlo said. "He must have used reverse psychology on me because I did and it was because I saw how great of a role model he was and the positive relationships he had with his students."

Reminiscing his time on the stage, Mr. Jordan Mayer ('98), speech teacher, remembered his roles in the school performances.

"I made so many friendships and that auditorium will always hold a special place in my heart," Mr. Mayer said.

IN THEIR SHOES Teaching her U.S. History class, Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, understands what it's like to be in her students' position. "I have been in all of my students shoes, from the school events to even some of the same teachers," Ms. Szafasz said. "It especially helped that since I knew some of the teachers and was able to go to them when I first got here."

PREACH TO THE CHOIR Continuing to participate in the music program, Ms. Bridget Parker, Orchestra Director, appreciates the triple threat provided by the school's music program. "I really liked the camaraderie of the music program here," Ms. Parker said. "I love the way the orchestra, band and choir all work together."

homegrown teachers

After graduation, some alumni made the next move to becoming teachers

class of 1974
Mrs. Beth Gibbs

class of 1980
Mrs. Janet Wories

class of 1988
Mr. William Melby
Mrs. JenAnn Adams

class of 1995
Mr. Matt Kalwasinski

class of 2000
Mrs. Katie Harris

class of 2003
Mr. Thomas Barnes

class of 2005
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman
Ms. Kristen Szafasz

class of 2008
Mr. Mark Knight

class of 1972
Mr. Bob Shinkan

class of 1975
Ms. Paula Malinksi

class of 1987
Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo

class of 1989
Ms. Patty Pfister

class of 1995
Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte
Mr. Jordan Mayer

class of 2002
Mr. David Dausch

class of 2004
Mr. Jason Grunewald

class of 2007
Ms. Bridget Parker

Mr. Thomas Barnes, '03
Senior prom because it was pretty much the last time you and your high school friends of 10+ years get together to have a good time."

Mr. Jordan Mayer, '95
The school wide volleyball game during advisory period, which is like homeroom, but the teacher was assigned a group of students to guide."

Mr. David Dausch, '02
My senior year because of all of the excitement of being a senior and moving on to the next thing."

Ms. Patty Pfister, '89
In volleyball, Margaret Schaum and the team gave me a letterman at the winter sports banquet for being the manager of the team."

Ms. Janet Wories '80
Being apart of the Homecoming court was cool because it was the biggest game with about 6,000 people there to watch it."

Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, '98
The spirit trucks for Homecoming because it was really fun to ride the big trucks and throw candy at everyone."

TAKING A BREAK

You did not have to be the most popular. You did not have to drive the nicest car. You did not have to stay in your comfort zone.

You just had to be you.

The you that put down your phone to eat dinner with your family. The you that studied at Starbucks more than you ordered coffee. The you that drove to Steak 'n Shake at 1 a.m. with friends.

Regardless of the twenty minutes you spent getting out of South lot's traffic, and regardless of the amount of money you spent on Chipotle—you made memories that will last for the rest of your life.

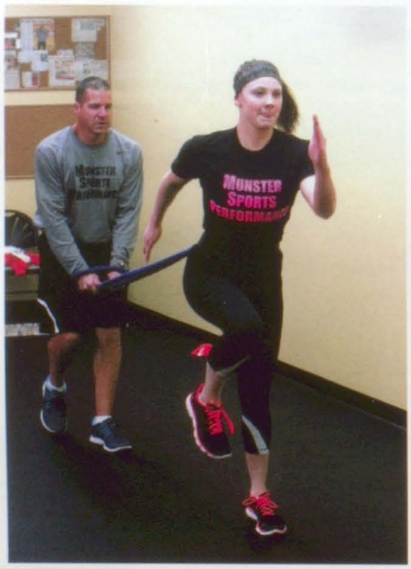
It started with nailing your first job interview. It started with the first time you got over 100 likes on your Instagram post.

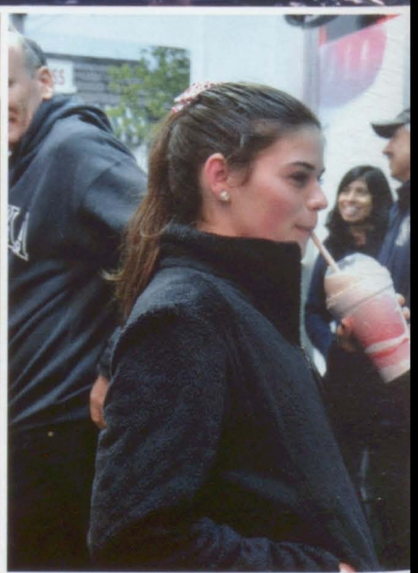
It started with taking a break.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

- Jill Ylo, junior, turned on her camera, pondering what video to make. Everything had changed since she won a Nerf Battle video competition on YouTube, receiving millions of views and gaining revenue off ads on her video. She pressed record and added on to her three years of videos.

- Sophomore Sky Flores, also known as DJ Dyami, prepared his set for his appearance on WJOB. This was his third time on the radio station after one year of DJing, and he had about 1,500 followers on his Soundcloud account. The broadcaster announced his name, and he played his WJOB Mix.





"When you're not in school, what would you be doing?"
Paragon asked, and you answered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD To improve h performance, Nikki Smith, senior, works w Croner at Munster Sports Performance helped me so much the past years," Nikki wouldn't be the athlete I am without him.

ATE OF THE ART On a Spanish Club field trip the Frida Kahlo exhibit at the Center for Visual d Preforming Arts, seniors Fatima Bushra and mali Patel listen to an audio tape. "The artwork s beautiful," Himali said. "It's amazing what e was able to create."

NEED FOR SPEED Leaving his friend's house, Rob Medwetz, senior, steps into his 2002 Mustang GT. "What really caught my eye with this car was the color," Rob said. "The stereo is awesome, too."

FROYO FUN-RAISING At a Project Bio fundraiser, sophomores Mary Kate Pruzin and Maddie Foley laugh over a milkshake at Froyo. "It's awesome to be able to go out and have fun while helping the school," Mary Kate said.

ON DECK Working as a lifeguard is the job that Emily Weirman, junior, took on this past summer at Munster Community Pool. "It's nice to be able to spend all day in the sun," Emily said. "But you always have to stay on your guard."

On the Record

With rising concerns over the obsession with social media, global conflicts and new culture trends, students shared their own views on the changes and events this year

With social media's rising influence on society, students shared their thoughts on its impact.

What social media do you have? Which has the biggest impact today?

Jake Ingoglia, sophomore: Twitter, Vine, Instagram, Facebook. I think Facebook because it was the original site that others branched off.

Lawrence Gaines, senior: I have the same. Twitter has a bigger impact, though, because so many people can read one tweet and get a perspective from a city thousands of miles away.

What do you think is social media's downfall?

Gwynn Hammermeister, freshman: People are just rude because they can hide behind a screen and say things they would never say in person.

Jackie Dye, junior: When you hang out with people, they're always on their phones talking to others. Genuine conversation just doesn't exist anymore.

Lawrence: I find that a lot of false information can be spread around. Nothing is private anymore.

Do you find yourself addicted to it?

Jake: I kind of am, I just use it to procrastinate a lot of the time, schoolwork and other things.

Jackie: I wouldn't say addicted, but whenever I try to study, I usually end up on my phone.

Why do you think people feel the need to tweet and post?

Gwynn: I think it's to let other people know what they're doing, and not necessarily brag, but just show that they're doing something fun with others.

Lawrence: I think people just like to make sure others know where they are. It's easy to make it known that you're having fun or that you're upset and need cheering up.

Is there a solution for younger kids getting hooked on social media so early?

Lawrence: I think just being more of a role model and getting younger kids to put their phones down and communicate.

Jackie: I don't think you can really take it away. It's already out there, and it's always going to be there for others to use.

Keeping up with *today*

With a number of historical events this year, current and former We the People students shared their take on the subjects

What should France do to respond to the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack in January?

"I think mobilizing troops handled the situation well. The French Constitution highly emphasizes free speech, and it was clearly threatened. The country needs to stand together to protect the French people's rights and national security."

Anna Riggs, junior

What is wrong with the riots in Ferguson, MO over the shooting of an unarmed black man by a police officer?

"I think the riots have gone too far. Peaceful protest is okay, but looting and robbery is not helping the case at all. Protest is meant to incite change, not provoke chaos."

Sripad Kodukula, senior

What do you think is a good solution to the school's recent debt issue

"I think fixing the whole state funding system, which is out of whack due to our old superintendent of public instruction. We need a system that properly divides money amongst public and parochial schools."

Alex Wisniewski, senior

UP-TO-DATE Reviewing current events is routine for We the People team members like Sara Wilson, junior, and George Jurincie, senior. "I think more students need to take courses like this to stay informed on what's going on in the country," Sara said.

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Rachel Kalbfell, 10
You can really only find me three places: at training for soccer, at Science Olympiad practice or reading in my room."

Rachel Bishop, 11
I spend as much time as I possibly can binge watching Family Feud."

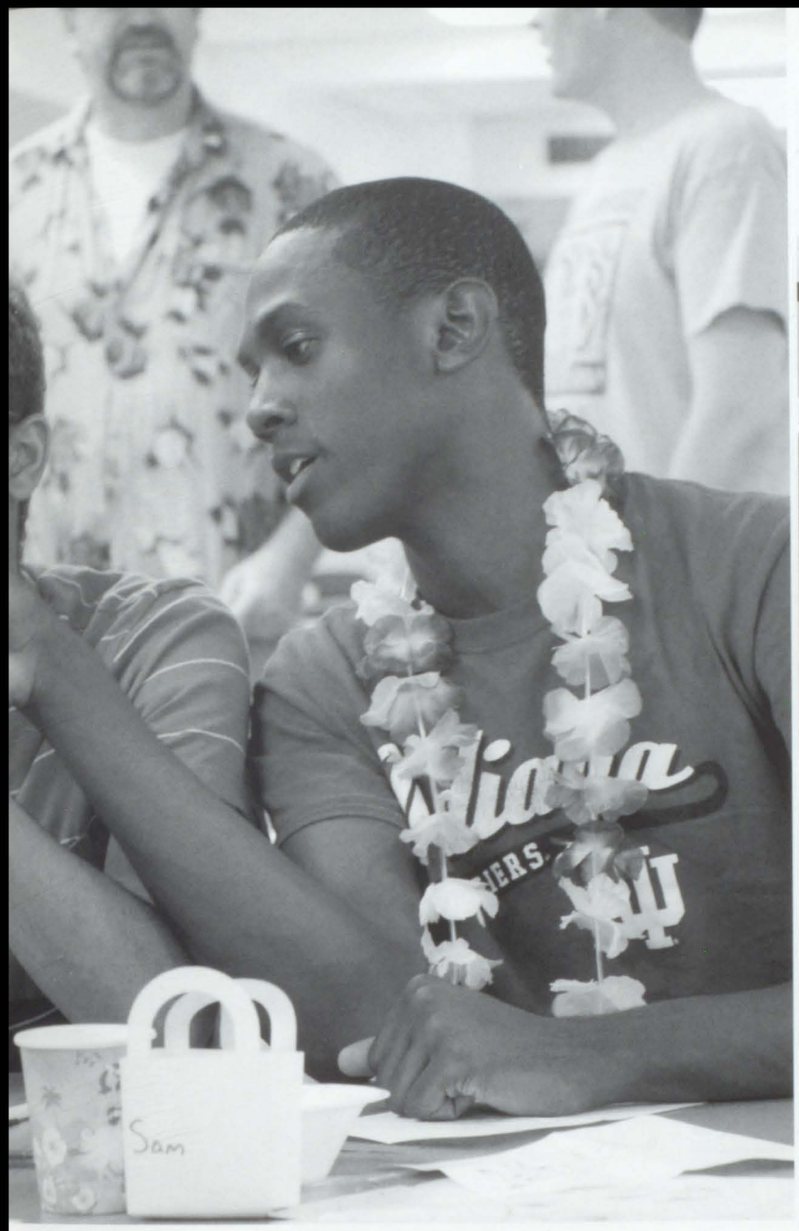
Seung Lee, 12
I am working or doing something adventurous with my friends. We like to drive out to the middle of nowhere and take pictures."

Megan Wilkens, 12
When I'm not in school I would probably be with my friends or at the movie theater."

Samantha Szura, 12
100 percent Netflix marathon, no doubt about it."

Kyle Buvala, 10
When I am not in school I prefer to be spending time with my friends or playing sports."

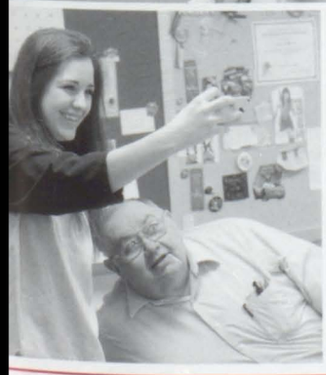
Vrusha Patel, 12
I am planning for the next issue of *Crier* or doing *Crier* related work, when I am not at school."



BUDDY BONDING Sharing a phone together, Sam Zachary, sophomore, and Austin Eiland, senior, play a game on a phone while at a Best Buddies party. "There's so much to do on phones these days," Austin said. "They could connect people right next to you or miles away."

BEATS ON THE BUS To wake herself up in the morning, Alyssa Amaloo, junior, listens to her music on her iPhone before school. "I spent a lot of time on my phone," Alyssa said. "But there was so much to keep you entertained for hours."

TUNED OUT Plugged in during study hall, Brooke Newton, junior, listens to music off her Android. "I liked it better than an iPhone because its a stronger phone," Brooke said. "I didn't really worry about the screen when I dropped it."



Selfie central

Sasha Stepanovich, senior, shares some of her selfie strategies

Favorite pose: Smiling

Most likes: 100+

Best selfie moment: By a Florida sunset on the beach

SNAP TO IT Joining in on the selfie trend, Sasha Stepanovich, senior, takes one with seniors Erica Warner and Katie Sanders and Mr. Steven Wroblewski, math teacher. "It's a fun way to capture a moment and be goofy with your friends," Sasha said.

Anonymous confessions

From childhood memories to embarrassing moments to guilty pleasures, students revealed some of their stories on the record

"One time I broke my TV because my Wii remote flew out my hand."

"I actually make bank selling Yu-Gi-Oh cards."

"When I was little, my mother told me, "'Knowledge is power. -Francis Bacon.'" I thought she said, "Knowledge is power. France is bacon." I started going to school, and telling my teachers, "Knowledge is power. France is bacon." They'd say, "That's good." As years went by, I gave up learning why France is bacon or if France can even be bacon, accepting it as a fact I'd never understand."

"Beginning of my freshman year, I was so freaked out by the idea of the Illuminati in music that I literally refused to listen to any kind of mainstream music for like 2 months."

"I still charge my laptop at school."

"I still play Pokémon games on Nintendo DS and watch Doctor Who religiously."

"Everytime I have gotten my phone taken away and say I'm texting my mom, I'm literally texting my mom."

Source: Survey of 392 students conducted Jan. 21

Rayanna Evans, 12
Making new and exciting memories with my close friends and family."

Silvia Martinez, 9
When I'm not in school, I usually go on my computer and write stories or I read in my room."

Logan Hoskins, 9
Coaching a 5th and 6th grade basketball team."

Matthew Travis, 10
Biking, piano, writing, spending time with friends or abandoning my phone and just connecting with the world."

Jordan Dixon, 12
Working out or playing sports."

Emily Weirman, 11
I would be watching Netflix or hanging out with my friends."

Matthew Tabaczynski, 9
I'm usually wrestling or doing homework."

In the Family

Through families and friendships, students found unique ways to connect with their classmates and teachers

Setting the table, Alisha Gonsiorowski, senior, gets ready for her nightly dinner with her family—a ritual done by families all over. Alisha's family, however, is unique. Alisha has two moms.

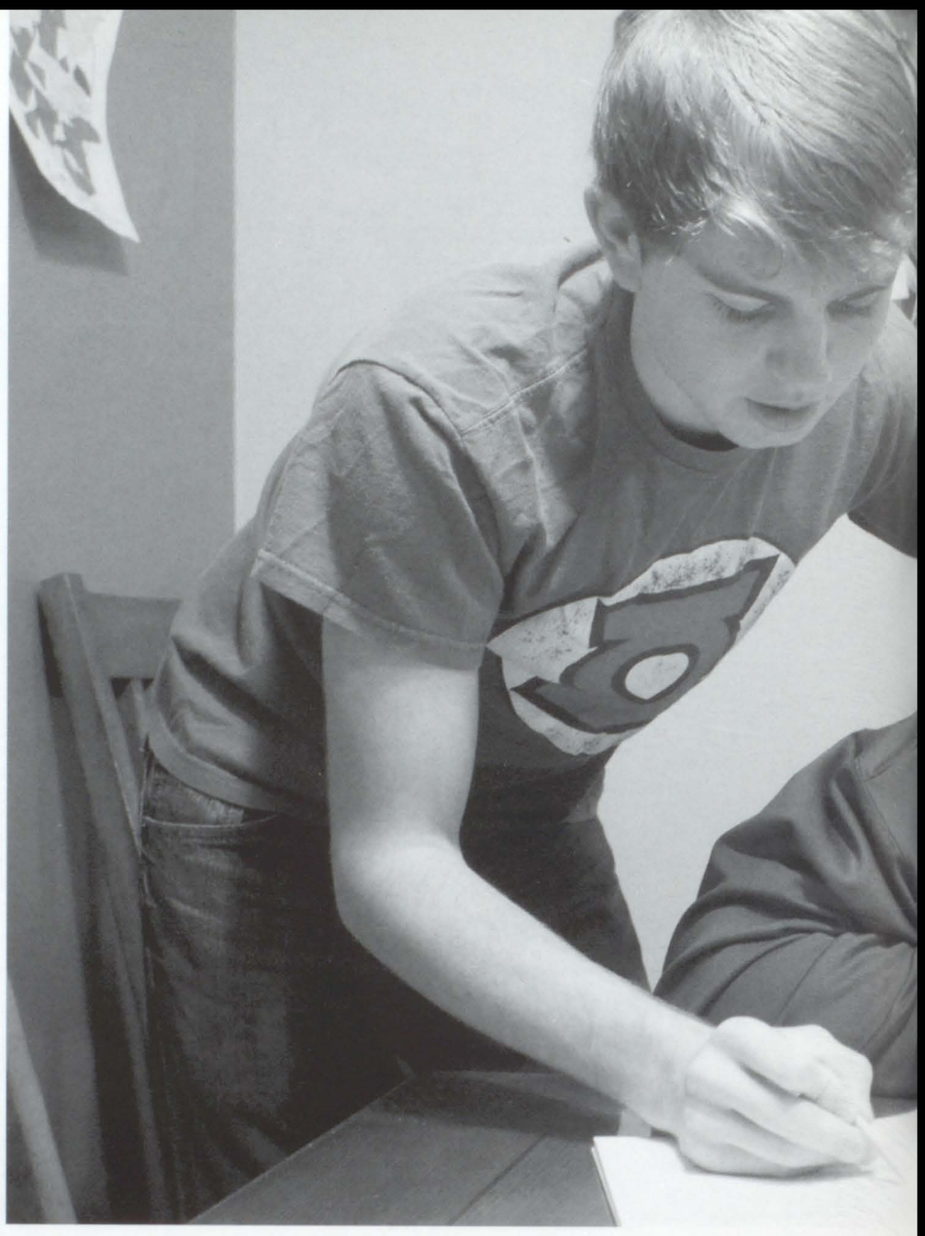
"I grew up with a stepdad and eventually my mom divorced him, and we moved to Munster," Alisha said. "Then my mom got her current girlfriend of three years, Melissa. They met as nurses."

When she finally met Melissa, Alisha never thought anything of it, and it did not take long for Alisha to get used to the idea of having two moms.

"When she was first introduced, it was never a problem with me or anything," Alisha said. "I didn't think much of it, and Melissa's nice because she's an artist so I connect with her."

When telling her friends, Alisha never had any bad experiences and always had friends who supported her and her moms.

"I've never had anyone react differently," Alisha said. "If you had a problem with them, then you had a problem with me."



Making *connections*

With numerous families throughout the school, students and teachers connected on new levels

Mr. Mark Knight, math teacher — **Brother** — John Knight, junior

Mrs. Audrey Fuhs, Spanish teacher — **Mother** — Kevin Fuhs, senior

Mrs. Kim Peirick, business teacher — **Mother** — Mackenzie Peirick, junior

Mrs. Athena Svolos, bookkeeper — **Mother** — Jimmy Svolos, sophomore

Brother — Dean Svolos, senior

Mr. Mike Hackett, health teacher — **Father** — Luke Hackett, junior

Brother — Drew Hackett, senior

BLOOD BROTHERS During a break in a basketball game, Luke Hackett, junior, seniors Drew Hackett and Kevin Schlotman and Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher, take a moment to talk about how the game was going. Brothers Drew and Luke became accustomed to playing with their dad as their coach. "It's a pretty awesome feeling being on the same team as my brother with my dad coaching," Drew said. "It was a great experience and I know later in life looking back at it, it'll be a pretty cool memory."

Like a *family*

Many clubs and teams felt family-like bonds throughout their season

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Melissa Bermudez, 11
When I'm not at school, I would be at the pool for practice or home sleeping and studying."

Kali Konstantinopoulos, 9
When I'm not in school, I would probably either be reading a book or watching 'Sherlock.'"

Chufan Gao, 11
I'd probably be thinking about how great it is to not be in school."

Alexa Reyes, 9
If I wasn't in school, I would be either cleaning or bothering my little sisters."

Kendra Williams, 12
When I am not in school I am usually binge watching Netflix or finding reasons not to do my homework until the last minute."

Ashley Breger, 10
When I'm not in school, I enjoy volunteering in the community."

Rodrigo Contreras, 10
Thinking about how long I have before I have to return to school."

Strong *bloodline*

With a family of seven, Jacob Opat, senior, and Andrew Opat, sophomore, were used to living with many siblings

Jacob Opat, senior
DOB: Mar. 1, 1997

+ 1 year

Andrew Opat, sophomore
DOB: Jan. 3, 1999

+ 8 years

Matthew Opat, 3rd grade
DOB: July 14, 2006

+ 2 years

James Opat, 1st grade
DOB: March 20, 2008

+ 5 years

Mary Opat
DOB: Jan. 14, 2014

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER Showing his brother Andrew Opat, sophomore, how to do a math problem, Jacob Opat, senior helps him with his homework. Being the oldest out of five children never bothered Jacob. "It's better than being the youngest," Jacob said. "It's better that I am telling them what to do, instead of them telling me what to do."

BUILD ME UP Watching a play at Sectionals, juniors Brooke Newton and Maria Sirounis and sophomores Lizzie Fies and Cammi Kekelik hold hands to support each other during an important play.
LAUGH ATTACK Members of the *Crier* staff Mariah Villaroman, sophomore, Alex Baker, senior, and Rachel Bishop, junior, play a game. "My family isn't that big at home so coming to *Crier*, I have 14 other family members in my life," Mariah said.
IN IT TO WIN IT After an important win, seniors Mikey Jimenez and Nik Kajmakoski embrace to congratulate each other. "Everyone on the team basically treated each other like family," Mikey said.

Love that's *binding*

After a year of fostering, Mr. Brian Clark, athletic director, adopted his daughter

FAMILY TIME Spending some time in his office, Mr. Brian Clark, athletic director, and his children Zeke Clark, sophomore, and Lenise work on their counting skills. Zeke and his three other siblings were all very welcoming when it came to meeting Lenise. "When I found out we were adopting her, I was excited," Zeke said. "I knew it would be a learning process and we would have to adjust, but I was excited."

Walking into the Child Development Building with his wife to meet their potential adopted daughter, Mr. Brian Clark, athletic director, did not know what to expect. However, as soon as they saw Lenise, they knew she was the one for them.

After meeting her, the Clarks fostered Lenise for a year and a half. They finally adopted her in November, just after she turned four.

> "We basically fell in love with her the first time we saw her. She's very outgoing and talks to everyone. She'll ask someone to do something with her and it's kind of difficult to say no."
> **Mr. Brian Clark, athletic director**

Ryan Thometz, 9
When I am not in school, I like to have my baseball mitt in one hand and a baseball in the other."

Amjad Alshamaileh, 10
I would rather be watching my favorite shows, such as Smallville or Arrow. I could also be playing basketball and eating out with my friends."

Hayley Chipules, 11
When I am not in school I would be either hanging out with friends, working at FroYo, or baby sitting."

David Nix, 12
If I don't have any homework I would be either reading for fun or playing Xbox."

Rita Willcox, 11
When I'm not in school, I would be either watching the TV shows *Bones* or reading a book."

Maria Rucinski, 9
I would be reading, watching a series or a movie, drawing, listening to music, studying or doing homework."

Ryanna-Kimberly Pastrana, 9
I would either be sleeping or hanging out with my friends."

Free at Last

When escaping everyday stress, food, music or just hanging out offered a much-needed break

SAVVY SAVERS Vintage sweaters, mom jeans and all other types of funky clothing are packed wall to wall of Goodwill while seniors Brtittany Barajas and Hayley Kwasniewski shop for Spirit Week outfits. "Shopping with friends is so much more fun than shopping alone," Hayley said.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT In a fit of laughter, juniors Jackie Dye, Maria Kyriakos, Amanda Forde, Lauren Wenzel and Sammi Buvala spend a Friday night at Meatheads. "Getting together with friends and just grabbing food can honestly be the best thing because it's always nonstop laughter," Maria said.

Food for *thought*

From burger joints to family- owned restaurants, students chose their go-to places they could grab a quick bite or sit down for a meal in order to appease their hunger

Chipotle 21%

Steak 'n Shake 21%

Commander 10%

Noodles & Company 10%

Panera Bread 9%

Meatheads/Other 29%

Source: Survey of 429 students conducted Jan. 20

Dining out

Students spent quality time together and made the most out of their free time while satisfying their tastebuds

COFFEE CRAZE Getting energized for the morning, seniors Justin Woodward, Amanda Brazzle and Anna Bachert made a quick stop at Dunkin Donuts before heading off to school. "It was really nice to wake up and the first thing I did in the morning was hangout with myfriends instead of just going straight to school," Amanda said. "Oh, and because coffee is amazing."

BIRTHDAY BASH After a Debate tournament, Tim DeRolf, sophomore, celebrates his birthday at Danny Z's alongside his teammates. "I always liked being in a big group of people laughing and having fun," Tim said.

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Luke Strickland, 12
When I'm not in school, most of my time is usually spent at work, spending time with my girlfriend, or just doing things I love like playing drums, reading comics, etc."

George Lesniewski, 11
Playing Call of Duty."

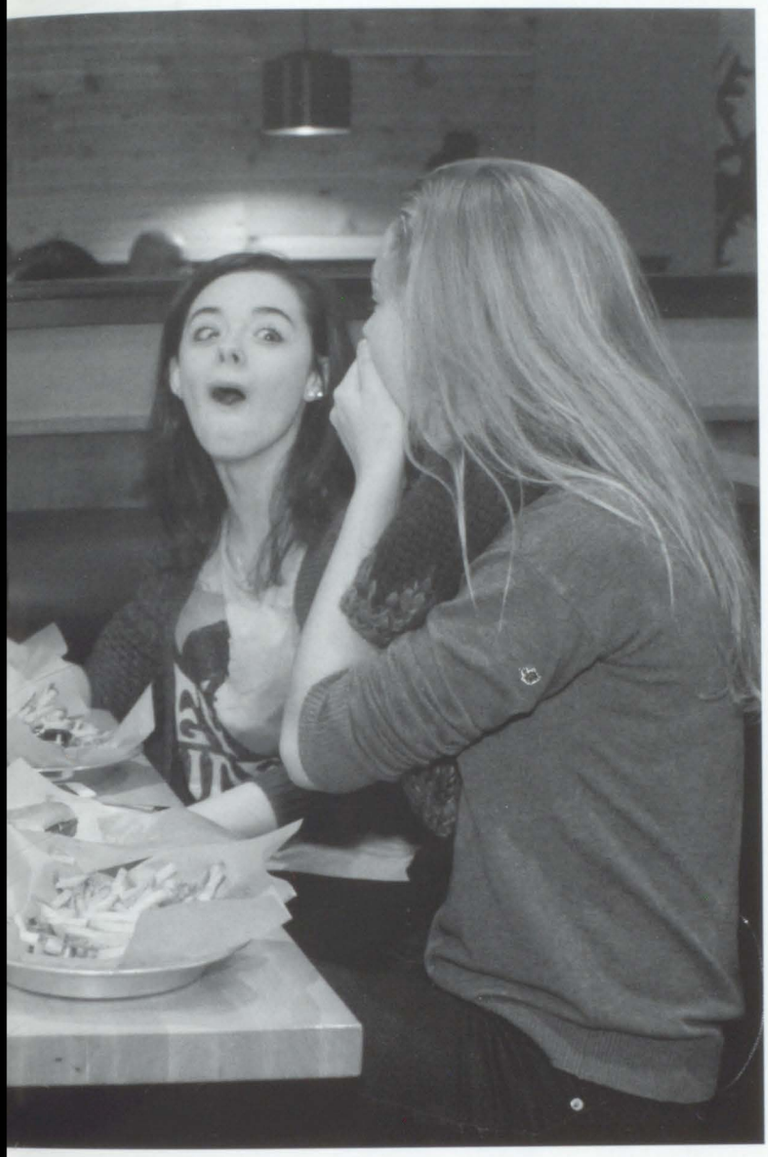
Laurissa Portillo, 12
Volunteering, listening to music, or reading."

Ella Speckhard, 10
I would love to think that I would be out with my friends or wrapped up with a good book, but quite honestly, I would either be watching a movie or on Tumblr."

Sean Hasse, 12
I will be gaming; that is a guarantee."

Lauren Martin, 10
Most of the time, when the bell rings at 2:45, I go to Science Olympiad, but I do a lot of studying, watch TV and play games with my brother."

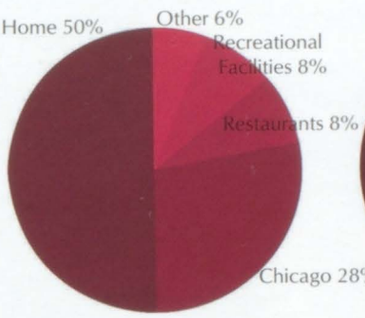
Haley Collison, 11
Eating, sleeping, hanging out with friends, working out."



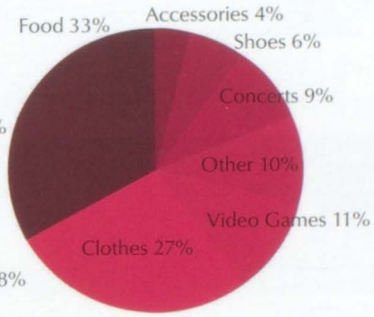
Money well spent

After students chose where they enjoy hanging out and what they would rather spend their money on, the results are recorded below

Where You Hangout

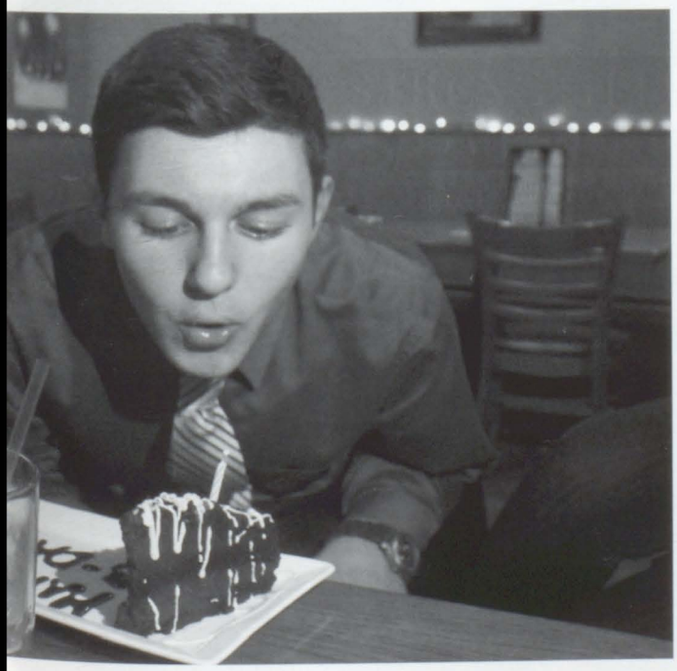


What You Spend Your Money on



Source: Survey of 394 students conducted Jan. 20

WORK IT OUT Holding a hip raise, James Beckman, senior, exercises at Munster Sports Performance to take the stress off from school. "I just work out all the frustration or whatever had happened earlier that day," James said. "It's also good for you, so that's a plus."



Music madness

Whether their taste in music was alternative or EDM, students traveled around the Chicagoland area to go see their favorite musicians and DJs

twenty one pilots

Date:
Oct. 3
Place:
Aragon Ballroom

"Their stage performance made everyone feel excited. They usually performed at smaller venues which made the concerts intimate."
- Mackenzie Peirick, junior

HOZIER

Date:
Oct. 26
Place:
JBTV Studio

"My sister worked in Chicago with the film industry so one of her friends was filming the concert at JBTV Studio for free. It was such an intimate setting and he sounded perfect."
- Laurissa Portillo, senior

THE1975

Date:
Nov. 2
Place:
Aragon Ballroom

"I liked how emotional the band got while playing the songs and just they were really good live. The energy they gave off was great, too."
- Caitlyn Knor, junior

SPRING AWAKENING

Date:
June 12-14
Place:
Soldier Field

"The best part was the music, the dancing and how everyone was there for the same reason: to have fun, enjoy the music and see their favorite artists."
- Connor Bubash, junior

protohype

Date:
Jan. 2
Place:
Mojoes

"It was really fun and loud. Everyone was really into the music which made it so much better."
- Andres Bedolla, senior

Nicole Biel, 9
When I am not in school, I will most likely be hanging out with my family or friends. I may also be shopping."

Abigail Clark, 12
Drinking Dr. Pepper while trying to figure out the meaning of life."

Taylor Moreno, 9
Watching all ten seasons of 'Friends' on Netflix."

Clayton St. Martin, 12
Drumming! Almost all of my free time away from school is spent expanding my knowledge and skill on all sorts of drums."

Breadon Moore, 9
Hanging out with friends or listening to music."

Seth Weston, 12
Swimming or working out."

Anna Bachert, 12
Either playing softball or hanging out with my friends."

Ethan Bourdeau, 9
I would be hanging out with my friends and playing video games and helping my family out

Art of Style

When curating outfits every day, style proved to be deeper than just a simple article of clothing

ON TREND

Fred Beckman, junior

Do you have any style inspiration?

Jim Chapman (male model) on Instagram

How long do you take to get ready?

6 minutes

Has your style evolved?

I used to wear just sports stuff. Just t-shirts and stuff. But then when I started to get older, I started to wear more dressy stuff, and then I got more casual over the last two years.

THINKING AHEAD Sitting on his porch, Fred Beckman, junior, chose his outfits based on his mood. "Maybe one day I'd wear a sweater and the next day I'd switch it up and wear something more stylish like a dress shirt or maybe a tie," Fred said.

On Fred: Forever 21 polka dot button-up. Target cardigan and pants. Vans camoflauge sneakers. Invicta watch.

Top shops

In a survey about buying clothing, stores were most-liked depending on their pricing, comfort and overall look

1 — "They had a lot of cool socks and comfortable pajamas."
Ian Brundige, freshman

2 — FOREVER 21 — "It had really great clothes and prices. Also, the store itself had a really cool environment."
Lissette Araya, freshman

3 — H&M — "They knew what's in style, and they had it all reasonably priced."
Jolie Goldberg, sophomore

4 — URBAN OUTFITTERS — "They have such unqiue clothing. (I liked) their theme of boho and grunge."
Maria Kyriakos, junior

5 — NORDSTROM — "My favorite item was honestly any type of clothing there. (I) kind of rocked it all."
Michael Hayes, senior

Source: Survey of 432 students conducted Jan. 23

POSH CHIC

Micala Boyd, freshman

What are your favorite brands/stores?

My favorite stores would probably have to be H&M, Zara, Forever 21 and Brandy Melville. My favorite brands were Chanel, Armani, Burberry and Tiffany jewelry.

Do you have any style inspiration?

Instagrammers or people that have Youtube channels such as Amanda Steele, Anna Rike, We Wore What and Chriselle Lim.

How long do you take to get ready?

45 minutes

What does style mean to you?

I feel like people can be canvases, and each outfit would be a masterpiece. Artists don't copy each other, so your style is what makes you unique and stand out. People's style are masterpieces.

WHATEVER HELPS YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT As Micala falls asleep every night, she lays in her bed thinking about what she will be wearing the next day. "I'd use Pintrest, or a lot of times, I'd look at style bloggers on Instagram," Micala said.

On Micala: Forever 21 lace blouse, ring, bracelet and ear cuff. Victoria's Secret destroyed jeans, calf hair kitten heels. Aerie bracelet.

Anna Slosser, 10
When I'm not in the school for classes, I was usually here for cheer or wrestling. It made high school more memorable."

Leoncio Ortiz, 11
When I'm not in school you could usually find me doing anything from reading, sleeping, drawing and going to band."

Carly Peilet, 11
When I am not in school, I would typically be with my friends or watching Netflix...or both."

Danijela Kaurin, 10
If I was not in school, I think I would most likely be at the gym or playing tennis or soccer! Something to keep me active!"

Addison Bryce, 12
I would be following my dream to become a Firefighter."

Natalie Klys, 12
When I'm not in school, I would most likely be working to save up money, or I tried to spend as much time with friends and family as I can."

Natasha Jones, 11
When I'm not in school, I would either be at home working on my Special FX/ Theatrical Makeup."

SOFT GRUNGE

Mady Athey, senior

Do you have any style inspiration?

Oxford Street in London, New York (City) Street Style and Alexa Chung

What are your favorite brands/stores?

American Apparel, Topshop and UNIF

How long do you take to get ready?

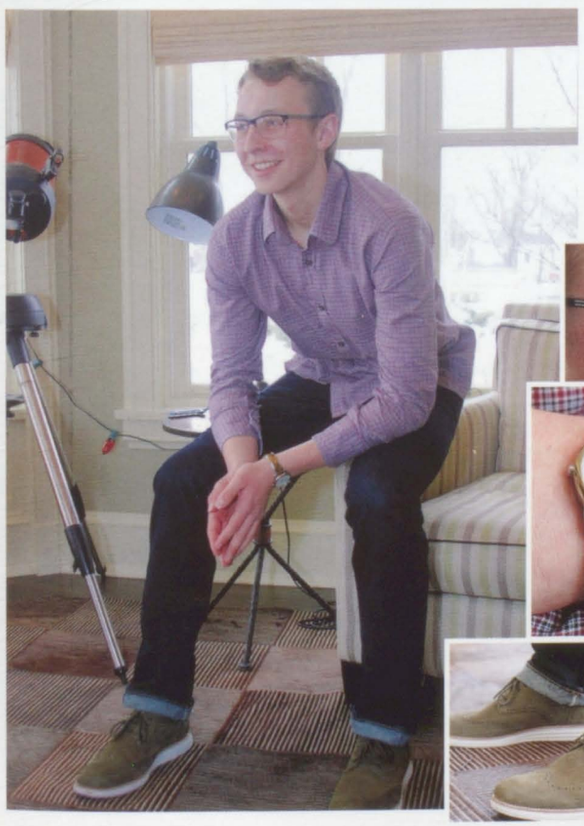
30 minutes

Does your style reflect your personality?

It's different than most people's and is really 'out there.' I'm shy when I first meet people, and then when I get to know people, I'm really outgoing and like to try new things.

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS While some people dress for their mood or the weather, Mady Athey, senior, likes to center her outfit of the day around what she wants to wear. "I normally have one particular piece I want to wear," Mady said. "I style around it."

On Mady: UNIF wool jacket, stiped sweater and plaid cardigan. J. Jill fleece-lined leggings. Topshop moto boots and black and gold choker. The moon necklace is of her own design.



CLASSY CASUAL

Henry Wolf, sophomore

Do you have any style inspiration?

Yung Lean and my dad

What are your favorite brands/stores?

Hugo Boss and J. Crew

How long do you take to get ready?

15 minutes

Has your style evolved?

Yeah, definitely. Since like 8th grade I started getting clothes. I used to wear khakis with everything. Now I can wear anything. I would wear brown khakis and gym shoes, and I thought that that was like super dressed up.

What influences your style?

Just how I feel. I follow GQ on Instagram. If I see something I like, I'll buy something similar to that.

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS Taking inspiration from Yung Lean, Henry Wolf, sophomore, likes to reflect his personality through his outfits. "I gave off an image–kind of–a respectable one," Henry said.

On Henry: Gucci glasses. Huge Boss button-up. J.Crew jeans. Cole Haan oxfords.

Brian Araya, 11
I would be working with my hands, building or designing things, filming, or working on Science Olympiad!"

Shane Gomez, 10
I liked to eat a lot. That was my life outside of school."

Andrew Opat, 10
I would be doing homework and playing video games"

Lindsey Bermingham, 11
I would be working, traveling or improving myself."

Adaobi Okolocha, 9
When I am not in school, I would either be sleeping or hanging out with friends."

Andrew Jumonville, 10
I would be playing baseball."

Christina Nowaczyk, 9
I would be hanging out with friends or at dance class."

The Summer Challenge

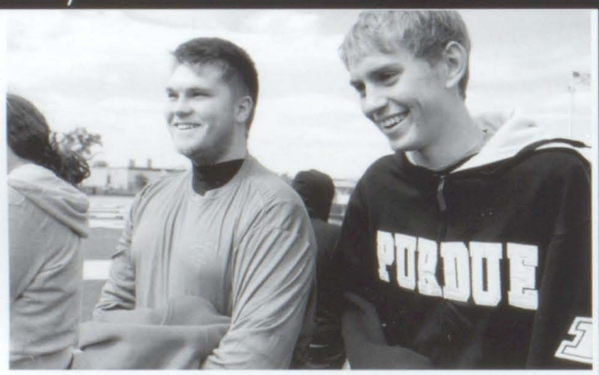
ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)

+ Went viral on social media from Jul. to Aug.2014
+ Over $88.5 million was raised worldwide
+ The campaign was based around the hashtag #icebucketchallenge
+ Encouraged nominated participants to film having a bucket of ice water poured on themselves

Source: ALSA.org

ICE BATH With a shiver running down her spine and water down her face, Natalie Klys, senior, takes on the ice bucket challenge, a viral hit to support ALS. "I took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge because it was for a good cause and it was a global and social activity everyone was doing," Natalie said. "I would have donated $100 dollars if I had the money, but the ice cold water was just fine. It was a fun experience."

JULY/AUGUST



TAKE A WALK Sun shining and smiles wide, seniors Casey Terry and Jacob Opat walk in the Unite and Fight Cancer Walk held by the Cancer Resource Center. "I volunteered because it was something that I could do as a high school student that was not too difficult to do," Jacob said. "All I did was raise money by asking some neighbors and family members and then walked around Community Park. I felt like I contributed to something worthwhile and deserving."

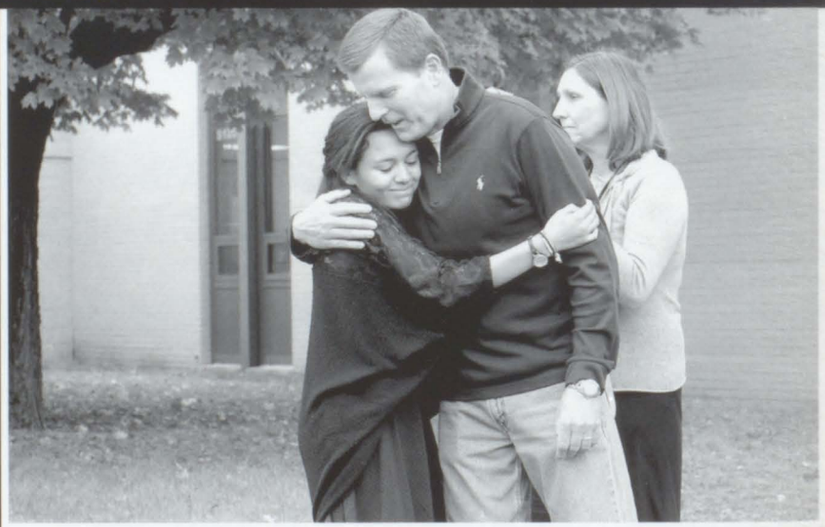
Walking for a Cause

Cancer Walk

+ Oct. 5 volunteers participated in the cancer walk
+ Over $100,000 raised during the cancer fundraiser
+ Munster's Cancer Resource Center created the event, Unite & Fight Cancer
+ Eight Project X members volunteered

Source: Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, Project X sponsor

OCTOBER



REMEMBERING HER On the one year anniversary of Colleen Lusk's passing, Miranda Guerrero, senior, hugs Colleen's parents on the day of a tree dedication ceremony in honor of her. "The tree meant a lot to my friends and I because it was dedicated to our best friend and a girl that will always have a special place in our hearts," Miranda said.

Purple is in the Air

Cystic Fibrosis

+ The dedication took place on Oct. 20
+ A tree was planted in honor of Colleen Lusk
+ $165 raised with Project X's CF Pumpkins

Source: Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, Project X sponsor

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+ **Katie Kordeck, 10** When I'm not in school, I like to do a lot of volunteer work, especially at my church or anything with children."
+ **Meagan Thornburg, 9** I would be training for softball."
+ **Melissa McCann, 11** Watch Netflix, sleep, eat and repeat."
+ **Mia Bissias, 9** I plan to study the arts, music, writing, painting, you name it and I will be found doing something with them."
+ **Lena Storino, 12** Stressing myself out about my lack of plans for the future. Or watching tv."
+ **Sydney Kawalec, 12** When I'm not in school I often explore the different restaurants and things to do in Chicago with my friends and sisters."
+ **Pharez Israel, 12** Making Music. Music is life

One community One world

Looking out for others, students spent time commemorating, volunteering and raising awareness for causes with a purpose throughout the year

Blue Lights

Prostate Cancer

+ Nov. 26, the football team held a game in honor of prostate cancer awareness
+ The game was held in honor Mrs. Ally Novotney, attendance secretary, who lost her husband to prostate cancer
+ Community Hospital and Project X hung blue ribbons throughout town

IN HONOR OF HIM To help raise awareness for prostate cancer, Mrs. Novotney, attendance secretary, and her daughter, Jessica, make a speech at the football game in honor of her late husband who passed away from the illness.

Santa's Helpers

Toy Drive

+ Occured Dec. 1 through Dec. 19
+ About 1,500 toys were donated
+ Run by the football and cheerleading teams

Source: Mr. Leroy Marsh, football coach

NOVEMBER

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE Macaroni and cheese boxes and various cans fill up the room as Student Government member Nick Gauthier, junior, helps to transport that day's donations. "I felt very grateful for everything that I had," Nick said. "By helping those who had less than me, I realized how fortunate I had."

DONATION STATION With a cart full of donated food items, freshmen Tara Layous and Gabbie Ingoglia push a day's worth of donations from Student Government's annual Food Can Drive. "(The donated food) was just this massive pile of cans, boxes and bags that really showed how many people committed," Tara said. "So when thinking back on why our school got involved, it was this moment that proved how our school loves to come together to better our community."

Filling Stomachs

Food Drive

+ Conducted by Student Government
+ $1,100 raised
+ 2,000 items donated
+ First hour classes competed to raise the most in donations

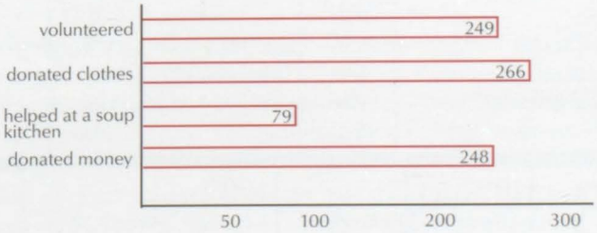
Source: Ms. Kathleen LaPorte, Student Government sponsor

DECEMBER

stepping *forward*

Outside of school and within extracurriculars, students help the community in various ways

STOCKING UP Grabbing as many cans as they can, juniors Catilin Fitch and Alexia Caleron buy supplies for Project X's Thanksgiving baskets. "The whole event was like a huge scavenger hunt with the challenge of the entire store filled with people wanting the exact same ides as you," Catilin said. "The best part of this event was knowing that you could give a family the chance to celebrate Thanksgiving together."



Source: Survey 300 students conducted Jan. 16

+ Melissa Fronczek, 10
When I'm not in school, I am probably at home catching up on some sleep or at my friend's house eating her food."

+ Michelle Weller, 11
I'm doing my homework. Come on. It's junior year."

+ Clayton Seput, 10
When I'm out of school, I go to theatre practice and have a very fun social experience."

+ Kaylee Galvan, 9
Mostly doing a sport or running, or spending time with friends."

+ Jaycee Helmer, 9
I would probably be hanging out with my friends or watching Netflix."

+ Elise Garcia, 9
Playing soccer and doing homework."

+ Stephanie Bulow, 12
I love painting my nails. I typically paint them every other day and have about 100 different polishes to choose from. Some say my persistent painting is an obsession, I say it's a hobby."

Kid at Heart

From Barbie Dolls to "Catdog," certain fads from students' childhood still held important places in their hearts even as they grew older

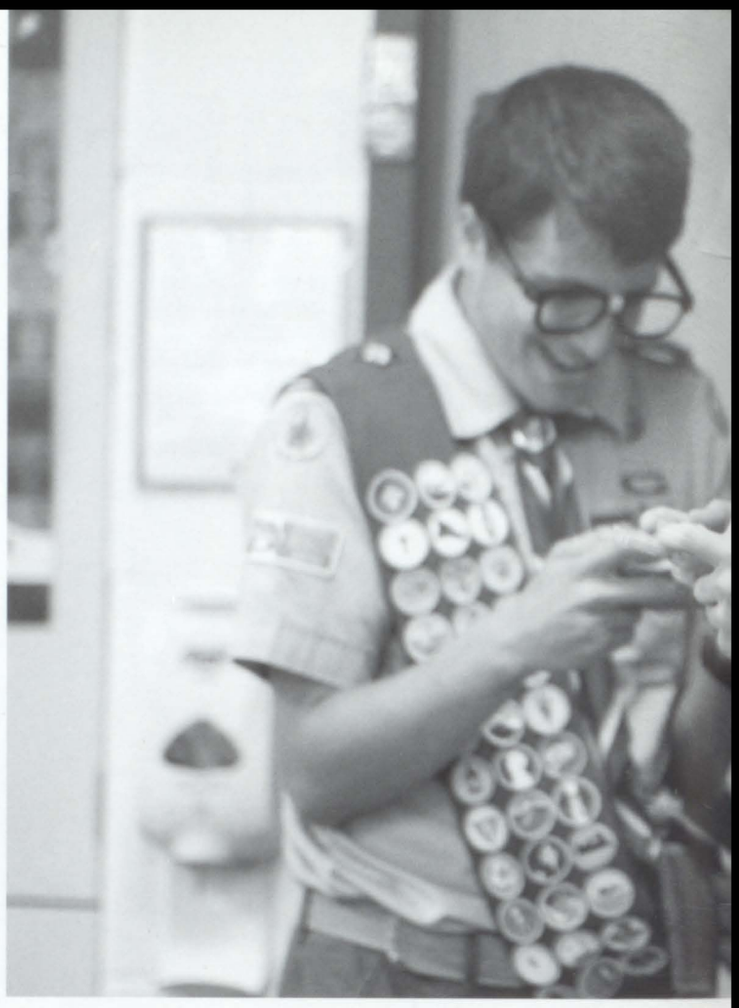
Camera: check. Sunglasses: check. Sunscreen: check. Bathing suit: check. Cutie Pie the monkey Build-a-Bear: check.

For the younger Samantha Berg, junior, her Build-a-Bear went everywhere she went, including her annual Christmas vacation trips.

"I just liked to have (my Build-a-Bears) with me all the time," Samantha said. "I had like six or seven."

From wondering what color sweater Mr. Rogers would wear each day to patiently waiting for a Hogwarts acceptance letter, students looked back at their memories of the different toys, books, TV shows, movies and songs they grew up with.

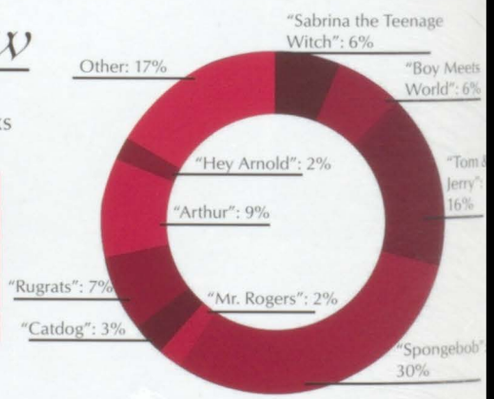
"'Blue's Clues' was my life," Christina Sanchez, junior, said. "Steve was my favorite. I felt that Steve was my friend because he talked to you through the TV, and I thought he could hear me."



GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL On Nerd Day, seniors Timothy Wiess and Thomas Speranza use childhood toys for their costumes. Thomas played Pokémon Yellow on his Gameboy Advance. "(I liked) being immersed in the world of Pokémon," Thomas said. "I'll occasinally play it now. I don't have much time, but if I can I'll still play it."

Favorite *book* and *TV show*

Whether it was rushing home after school to watch "Spongebob" or staying up all night to read a "Goosebumps" book, TV shows and books played a significant role for students during their childhood



Through the *ages*

Since the seniors were born, many significant events occurred beyond the school

1996

- Bill Clinton reelected as 42nd president in November

1997

- Princess Diana died in a car crash in August

1998

- Larry Page and Sergey Brin created Google in September

1999

- Nation feared electronic shutdown due to Y2K scare

2000

- George W. Bush elected as 43rd president in November

2001

- Nation faced the 9/11 terrorist attacks in September

2002

- In February, Salt Lake City held the XIX Winter Olympics

2003

- Nintendo released the GameBoy Advance SP in March

2004

- Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook in Februrary

2005

- Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, La. in August

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Andrea Lopez, 12
I would be reading a book, playing the piano, drawing, or at church. Yes. Church. Everyday."

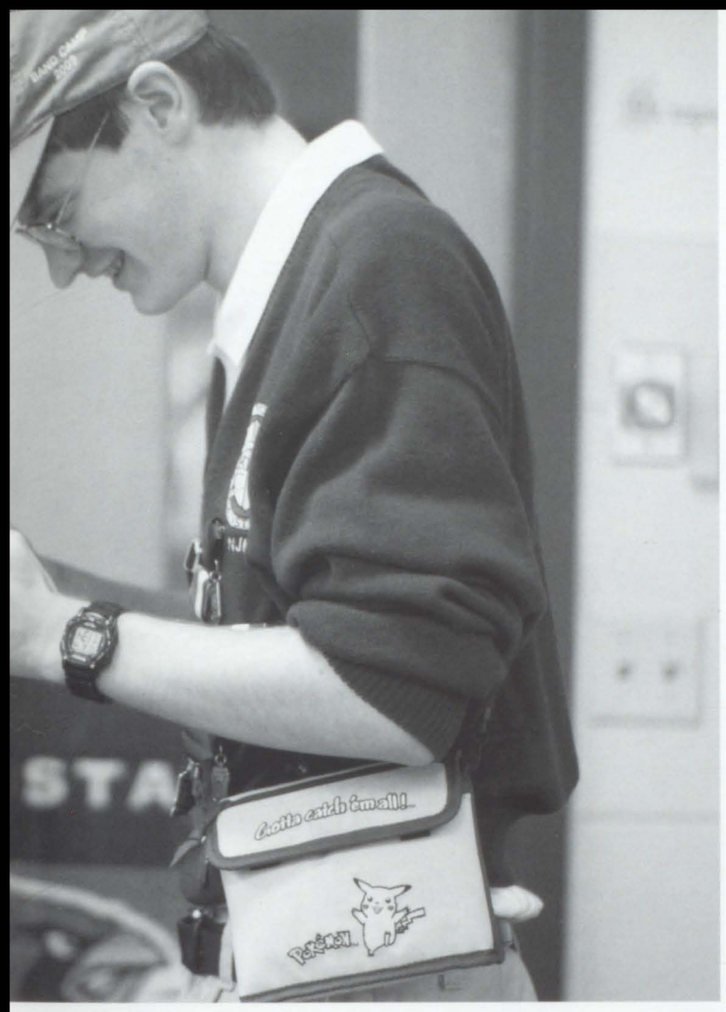
Antoine Van Dyken, 11
Playing basketball or gaming

Ian Brundige, 9
YouTube-watching or making videos drawing, painting, writing, sculpting or doing generally artsy things"

Jonathan Harris, 9
On some days, the rest of the (tennis) team and I work out in the fitness room to keep ourselves in shape."

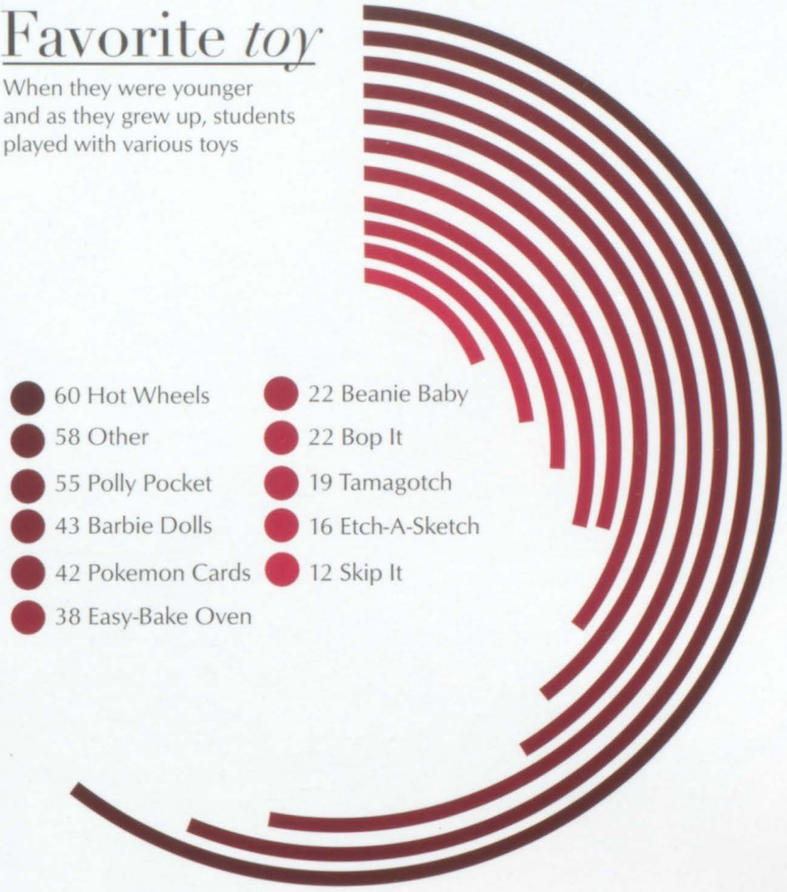
Veronica Casillas, 11
Sometimes when I have a chance of freedom, I enjoy writing a novel I've been working on for a while."

Mackinzie Farnell, 10
Sometimes I like to stare out the window, specifically if it is raining or snowing or birds are hanging around."



Favorite *toy*

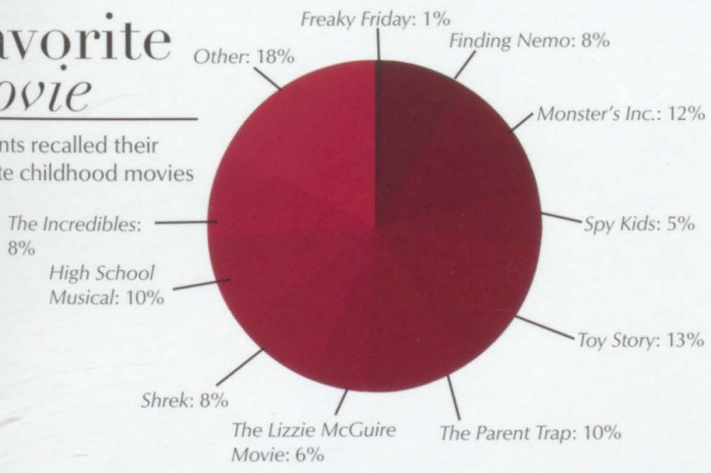
When they were younger and as they grew up, students played with various toys



- 60 Hot Wheels
- 58 Other
- 55 Polly Pocket
- 43 Barbie Dolls
- 42 Pokemon Cards
- 38 Easy-Bake Oven
- 22 Beanie Baby
- 22 Bop It
- 19 Tamagotch
- 16 Etch-A-Sketch
- 12 Skip It

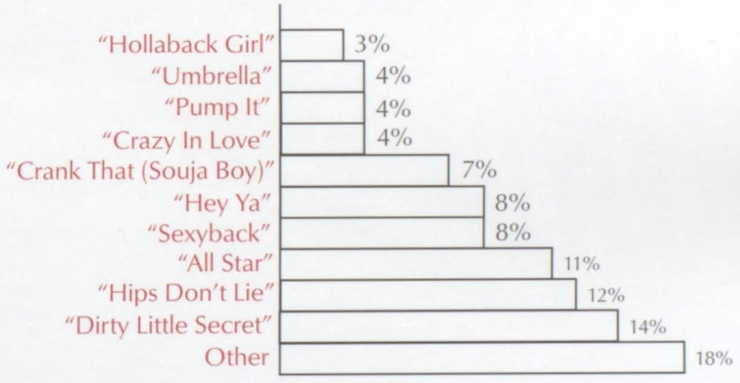
Favorite *movie*

Students recalled their favorite childhood movies



Favorite *song*

Growing up, students listened to songs that became their favorites



Source: Survey of 394 students conducted Jan. 16

2006
- Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone and Noah Glass launched Twitter in March

2007
- Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, was built in Dubai, UAE

2008
- Barrack Obama elected as 44th president in November

2009
- Michael Jackson died from cardiac arrest in June

2010
- A 7.0 earthquake hit Haiti in January

2011
- In May, Navy SEAL Team 6 killed Osama Bin Laden

2012
- The Curiosity Rover lands successfully on Mars in August

2013
- Boston Marathon faced terrorist bomb attack in April

2014
- Nationwide protests ensued in August after Michael Brown's death

2015
- Two gunmen attacked the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo in January

Samantha Valencia, 12
I normally baby sit my younger cousins but when I have free time I like to listen music and get crafty!"

Jerry Jacinto, 11
Practicing with my band, working at Jewel, or eating pizza, lots and lots of pizza."

Alainna Carey, 9
When I'm not in school, I would probably be reading John Green books."

Shandan Johnson, 10
When I am not in school, I am keeping an update on my current novel topic that I would be writing."

Joshua Armstrong, 9
I would be at home, sleeping, playing my bass, playing video games, or hanging out with friends."

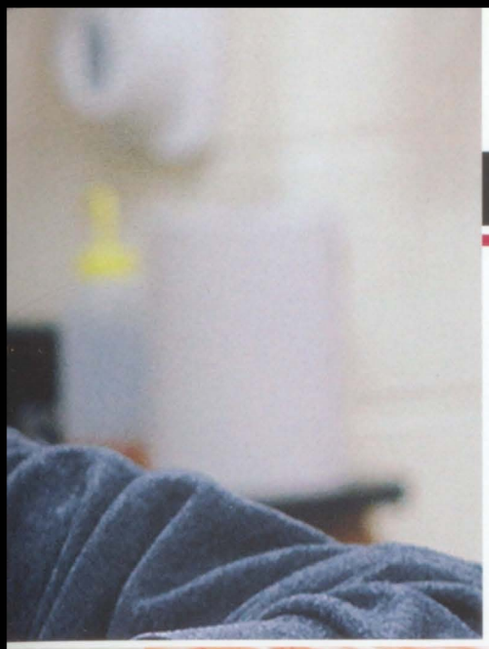
Joseph Bermudez, 10
When I am not in school I am either watching TV or training for baseball."

Megan Dato, 10
When I'm not in school, I am either hanging out with my friends or family, or at volleyball."

"How do you go about achieving success?"

Paragon asked, and you anwered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

HEART-TO-HEART In preparation for her futur college major of orthopedic surgery, Meredit Lee, sophomore, dissects a sheep heart in he PLTW Biomedical class with Nicole Howar sophomore. "It was a lot of fun–a great hand on lab to learn about the heart and how it fun tions," Meredith said.



STRIVING TOWARDS SUCCESS

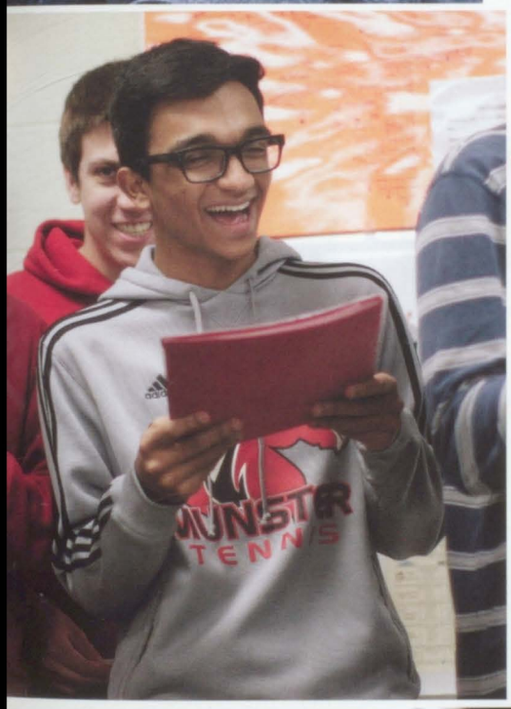
You did not have to be the smartest. You did not have to have the highest GPA. You did not have to be perfect.

You just had to be you.

The you that spent six hours studying for your Algebra 2 test. The you that went to school at 6 a.m. to pick your group's topic for the AP Composition Apprentice project. The you that skipped hanging out with you friends in the cafeteria to study in the Media Center for your Spanish test.

It all paid off when you received the highest grade on your Biology test. It began with completing your Geometry worksheet the class before. It began with examining a specimen in Advanced Microbiology.

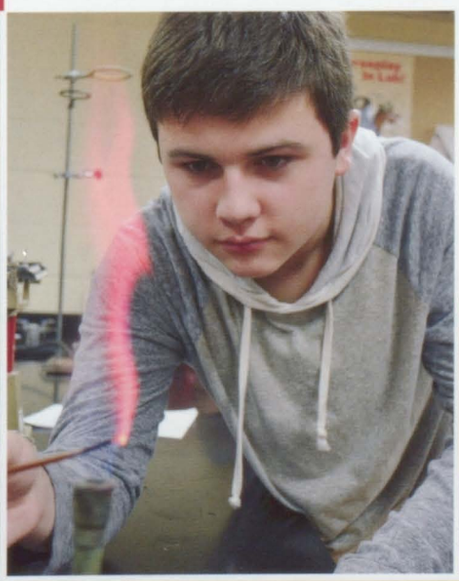
It started with you striving towards success.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

"This is it," Harsh Jhaveri, junior, thought as Mr. Steven Lopez, AP U.S. History teacher, handed out the Civil War test, the so-called hardest test of the year. He studied for hours and memorized as many battles as possible. It was now or never. Either he knew it or he didn't. As he picked up his pencil, Harsh knew there was no going back.

Breathe in, breathe out. Taylor Merkel, senior, finished her game of 2048. Her heart wanted to keep playing, but her mind told her that she needed to finish editing her AP Composition paper. Balancing her five AP classes, Taylor found a game of 2048 or a scroll through Facebook the perfect stress reliever. All of Taylor's hard work paid off when her Stanford acceptance letter arrived in her mailbox.



SING YOUR HEART OUT As part of a Christmas tradition in AP Calculus BC, students traveled to different classrooms around the school and sang carols. "I felt relieved because it was a nice relief from Calculus and all the hard problems we had to do," Sai Sripad Kodukula, senior, said.

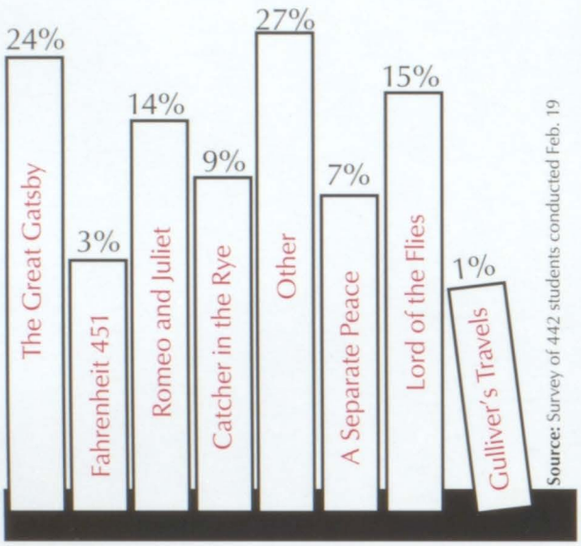
COLLEGE CONCENTRATION Listening to a college information seminar led by the guidance counselors, Miranda Mihalic, senior, focused her attention. "They were talking about our plans after high school, so I was thinking about possible plans after high school," Miranda said.

BURNING UP Captivated by the bright pink flame, Adam Eickleberry, sophomore, participted in a Chemistry lab. "I was kind of excited that we got a chance to do something like that because we never did somthing with burning metals and seeing reactions and recording the colors," Adam said. "It was pretty cool."

OLD FRIENDS Reunited with their former cross country coach's, Michelle Duffy, daughter, Ava, seniors Ayesha Khan and Erin Harvath chatted "I was on the Girls' Cross Country team when Ava was born, so seeing her after two years was super odd and surreal," Ayesha said. "We completely forgot we had (AP Composition)."

beloved book shelf

Every year English classes in each grade dove into a myriad of books and indulged in their favorites



Source: Survey of 442 students conducted Feb. 19

1984 STYLE Modeling the teaching strategy after the book *1984*, Brendan Ristenpart, sophomore, moved into the hallway to read in a circle with the class. "Ironically, I treated the circle like the book," Ms. Kathleen Clemens, English teacher, said. "The inner party, or the inner circle, could speak and the outer party, or outer circle, was silent."

BULKING SEASON

Seniors raced to pick topics for Bulkmatic project

Cars speed into the dark parking lot and students dressed in pajamas sneak around the empty school, trying to outsprint each other while racing for Bulkmatic Essay Topics. The in-depth 12,000 word paper and presentation revolves around problem solving and working as a group.

AP Composition students lined up outside of the school starting at times as early as 5 p.m., racing to be first outside of Mrs. Tammy Daugherty, English teacher's, room.

"I got to school around 3:45 a.m. still in my sweatpants with my retainer in," Laurissa Portillo, senior, said. "For about an hour a few of us just drove around and messed around, but once 5 o'clock hit we all became enemies."

Groups delegated positions to each member of the group to act strategically and fight for their chosen topic.

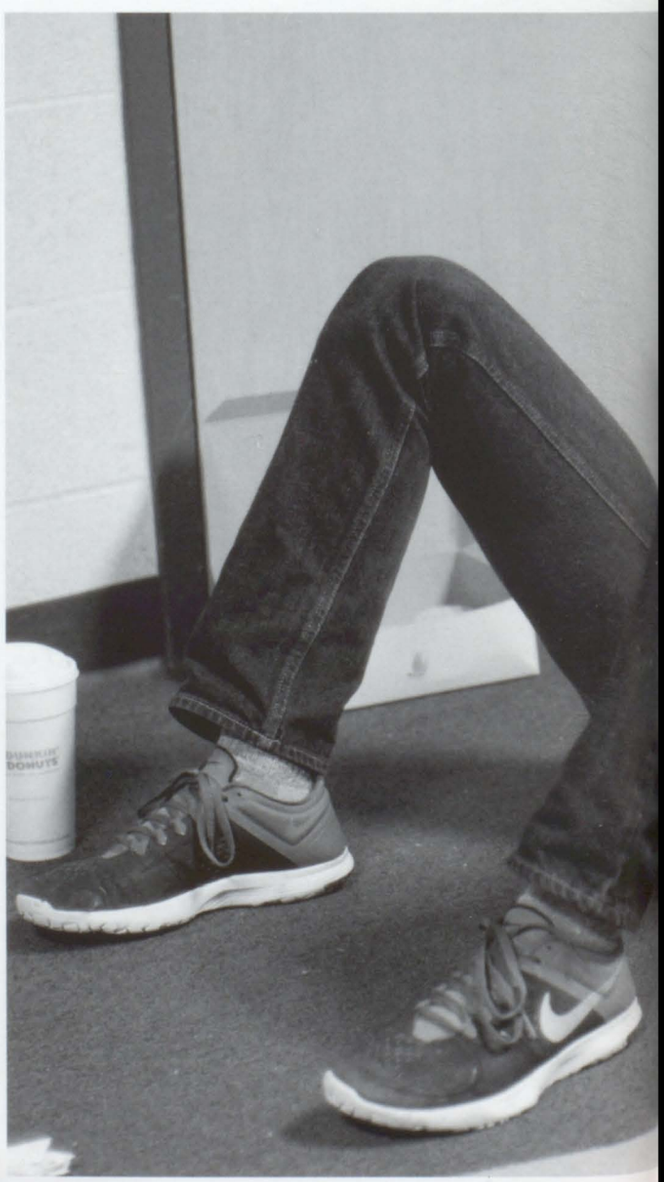
"My group got here around 5 p.m. and stayed all night in the parking lot," Ellie Dorn, senior, said. "My group planned on spending the night but the security is ridiculous."

After being let into the building, seniors sprinted through the unlit hallway, throwing shade and taking names.

"My team ended up being fourth place, but got our topic nonetheless," Laurissa said. "After that, all of AP Comp was in the hall just chilling and playing card games. It was a fun time."

Students have been racing into school for the Bulkmatic project in the past, but the seniors made history this year by being more secretive and innovative than any year before, according to Ellie.

"It was kind of like the Hunger Games like every group against the other," Ellie said.



the art of *perfection*

Students present their projects in English classes, honing the skills of perfect presentation

SELL IT Presenting his English project to the English 10 Honors class, Austin Klawitter, junior, paints the perfect picture for his audience. "My favorite part of English this year was participating in the multiple interactive projects," Austin said. "We have done presentations that involve a mock trial and created videos that incorporated our work. We created a fake commercial to demonstrate various literary devices."

READY OR NOT Preparing to give his presentation in English 12 class, seniors Sasha Stepanovich and William McDunn reviews his work on his laptop. "English is the language we spoke and it was essential for us to learn," William said.

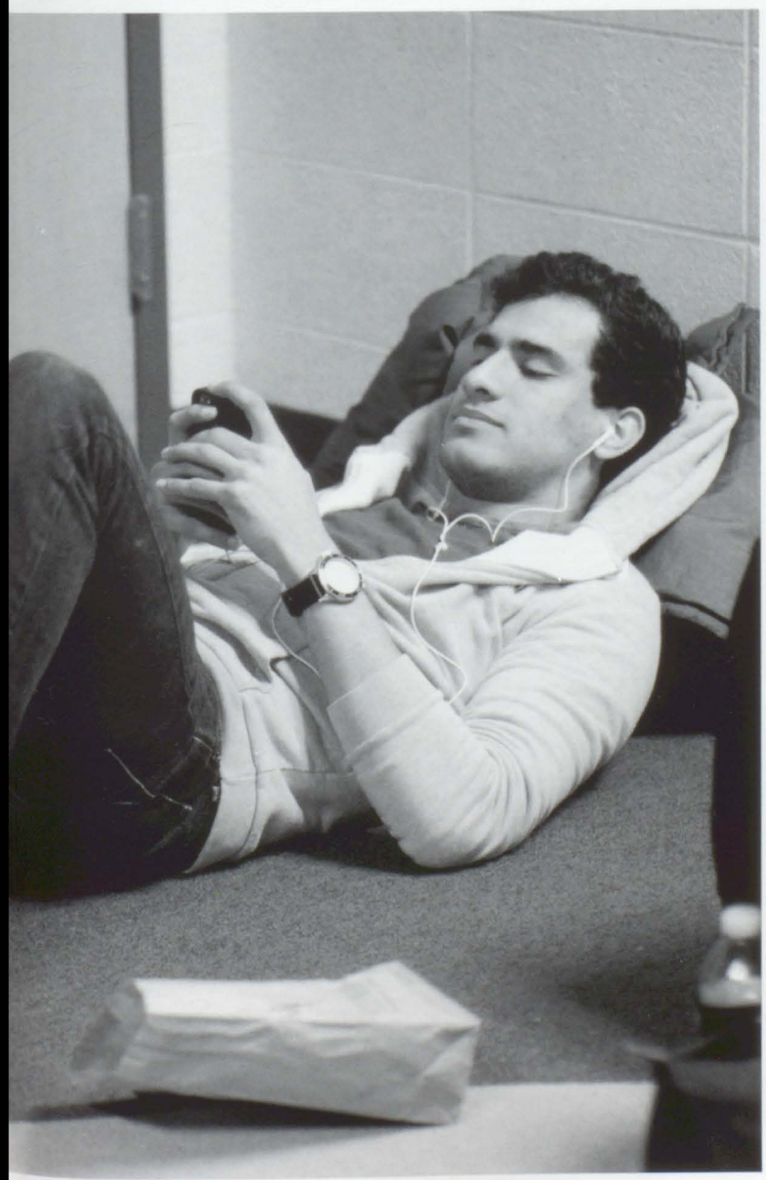
shape up or ship out

Common editing marks are used to correct mistakes in English papers and shape the final piece

- Insert new paragraph
- Capitalize
- Insert added information
- Delete

Source: 2012 Associated Press Stylebook

MARGIN FOR ERROR Advising a student on her project, Ms. Margaret Matanic, English teacher, points to the mistakes. "The most common mistake is choosing the first word in spell check," Mrs. Matanic said.



CAFFEINE KING After arriving at school at an early hour, Alexander Sotiropoulos, senior, takes his victory nap after being the first team to pick their topic. "We got to school at 4 in the morning. Our goal was to be the first group to Mrs. (Tammy) Daugherty's, (English teacher), room, which we achieved," Alex said.

SIT BACK AND RELAX Doing his homework, Thomas Speranza, senior, relaxes, enjoying the after rush of Bulkmatic, but that is not the only project he liked. "I really enjoyed the life sound tracks," Thomas said. "I liked being in retrospect and learning more about my life."

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Benjamin Marcus, 12
Success is becoming whoever and whatever you want to be."

Madison Gleason, 10
Success is accomplishing a goal or obtaining your purpose in life. To achieve success you must work hard and really want it. If you want it bad enough and you're willing to put in the effort than any type of success is possible."

Vanessa Pascual, 9
My definition of success is trying my hardest at something I feel strong about."

Kaylee Galvan, 9
To me, the definition of success cannot be 'defined'. Success is rather complicated when you think about it. In today's world people view success on many different things. However, not every person has the same mind-set of success. Success is following your own goals, no matter how tough things get along the way you don't quit."

Abigail Nita, 9
Success is happiness in what you do. Work is required, but hard work pays off and the results of having a good job and family is how success is achieved."

Calvin Christiansen, 9
To get all the achievements, I don't sleep...ever."

Hannah Giba, 9
Definition of Success: The accomplishment of an aim or purpose
How to achieve success: Success does not come from willpower alone, but takes consistency and determination to achieve it."

Maria Rucinski, 9
My definition of success is working hard on what you love to achieve that success or dream but not too hard you have to rest and have fun, the best way to achieve it is probably by not thinking its an obligation that its something that you love and want to do."

Maria Kyriakos, 11
Success is realizing you have a goal to obtain, and that you cannot slack until you reach it. Success is definitely not easily earned, and it's something that if you want it, you'll definitely do anything to fully reach it, while doing your absolute best."

Mia Castro, 11
My definition of success would be achieving your goals and being able to show confidence and be proud of yourself."

Thomas Speranza, 12
"Success is feeling proud about what you accomplished in your life.

Christina Sanchez, 11
"Success is setting a goal and going beyond what you thought you could.

Micala Boyd, 9
"Success is knowing where you are and not wanting to be anywhere else. Success is happiness.

Qionte Sullivan, 11
"My definition of success is doing what you have to do so you can do what you want to do. Success is determined internally.

Nick Bleza, 12
"Never being satisfied with where you're at, and continuing to push on for bigger and better things.

James Beckman, 12
"'If A is success in life, then A is equal to X plus Y plus Z. Work is X; Y is play; and Z - keeping your mouth shut.' - Albert Einstein

Chris Charles, 11
"Success is a matter of personal opinion. My idea of success would be accomplishing a goal you had in mind. To achieve success, you should probably join the Illuminati. They never lose.

Celeste Nunn, 11
"My definition of success is simply finding your very own path and being happy with what you are doing. I personally do not think you have to have the best paying job, have the nicest car, or even have someone to depend on, such as a spouse/ significant other. I think you should overall be genuinely happy with your ways and habits that you take on every day.

Stephanie Tirado, 10
"Success is achieving all of my goals. Achieving my goals is working up to them, gaining experience and learning from my mistakes.

Megan Spence, 12
"Success is reaching all of my goals that I set for myself. By working hard, not giving up and staying positive, I can achieve success.

Abi Jurado, 12
"Success is prioritizing what is most important in my life and finding the best possible way to reach that.

Danielle Hladek, 12
"Success for me is getting out of Munster by going away to school, Purdue.

TO THE POINT In front of her class, Natalie Kuipers, sophomore, tries to work on an Honors Algebra II problem. "I enjoyed (the class)," Natalie said. "The challenging parts kind of made it fun."

HOMEWORK TIME Erasing her original answer, Hayley Chipules, junior, fixes an Algebra II problem. "(Ms. Thornburg) was funny," Hayley said. "She related to the students when she taught."

quick *math stats*

Check out these statistics and find your probability of enrolling in a specific math course

14% of students took an AP math class (Statistics or Calculus AB or BC)

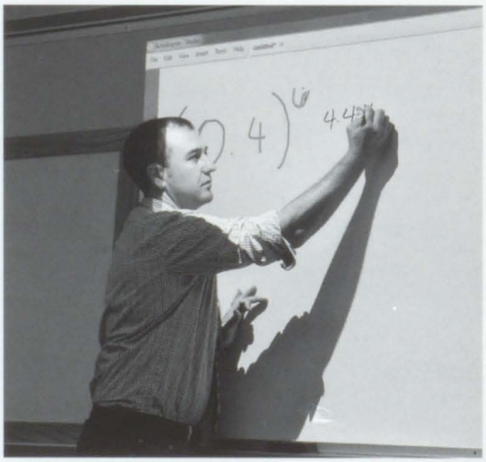
23% of students enrolled in a math class took Geometry this year

26% of students enrolled in a math class took Algebra II this year

50% chance of having Mrs. Pat Premetz for Pre-Calculus

100% chance of having Mr. Joseph Sokol for AP Calculus BC

Source: MHS Master Schedule 2014-2015



lessons *learned*

Teachers took unique approaches to help their students, by either teaching a lesson themselves or by having students demonstrate to others what they learned

NEW NUMBERS Using his smart board, Mr. Nicholas Gron, math teacher, explains how to multiply exponents to his algebra class. "I tried to do different things (like using technology in the classroom)," Mr. Gron said. "You could tell (if students understood the lesson) by class participation. If you asked a question and hands went up, then they were getting it."

LOOK AT ME NOW Black marker in hand, Marijke Van Dyke, sophomore, demonstrates how to solve a distribution problem to her Honors Algebra II class. "Occasionally we did review games where we showed a problem in front of the class," Marijke said. "It was interesting to see the different ways people could approach the problems."

SNAP AND SOLVE

Math helped students solve real life problems

Snap. Mrs. Pat Premetz, math teacher, tells students they have four seconds to locate π on their papers. Hands shake as students work quickly.

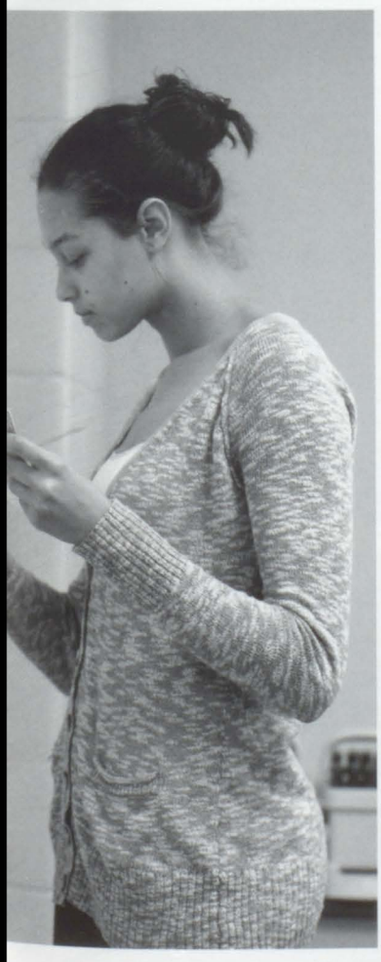
"Honestly, I was so scared," Anisha Vavilala, junior, said. "We all had studied a lot, but it was different in class when (Mrs. Premetz) was actually timing it, and it was for points. The actual test was not that bad, but the anticipation killed."

After explaining the 16 trigonometry values on the unit circle, math teachers Miss Valerie Pflum and Mrs. Premetz, took a unique approach by testing students with a quickly timed quiz: a snap quiz.

"They gave me anxiety because (Miss Pflum) was just up there snapping her fingers and you had three seconds to find the position in the circle and label it," Maggie Anderson, junior, said. "On the practice one, I got a five (out of ten)."

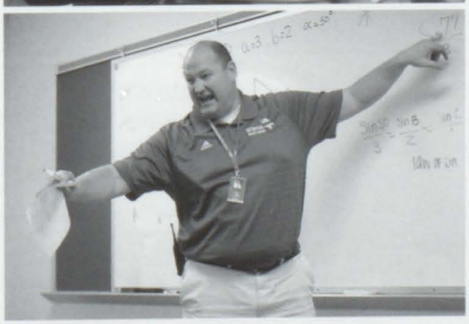
If they did poorly on the first quiz, students studied differently to improve their scores.

"To practice, I printed out a ton of pages, and then I made my mom sit next to me and ask questions over and over until I finally got it," Anisha said. "My work was worth it. I got better grades after I got over the nerves. (Mrs. Premetz) was a really good teacher and we used the values in almost all the new lessons."



classroom *shift*

Due to her cancer recurrence, staff members taught for Ms. Jackie Wieser, math teacher



CHANGE OF FOCUS In her desk Lily Hasler, senior, uses her calculator to check a trigonometry problem. Mr. William Melby, Dean of Students, taught her while substituting for the class "(Ms. Jackie Wieser, math teacher) stuck to a rigid schedule, which was why the change to (Mr.) Melby was so drastic," Lily said.

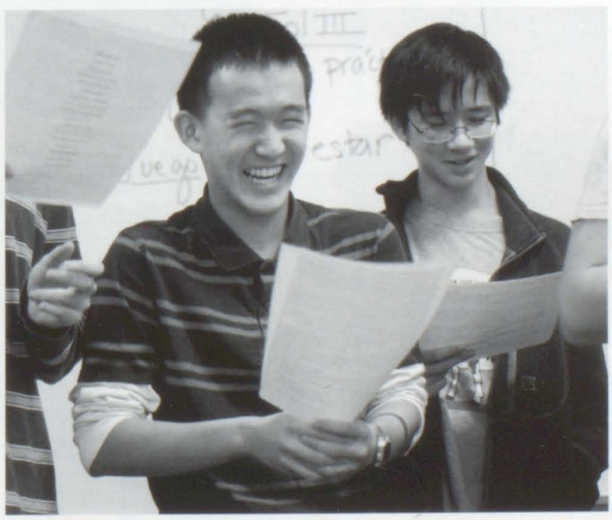
NEW GUY IN TOWN Explaining the value of π, Mr. William Melby, Dean of Students, teaches a trigonometry class. "I loved to teach," Mr. Melby said. "It was awesome, but it was also a lot of work because I taught trig, and it was 20 something years since I took it."

calculus *carolling*

Before winter break, students enrolled in AP Calculus BC would take a homework break to travel to other classes and sing calculus carols in the tune of famous holiday songs

"Baby Just Use Chain Rule"
Sung to the tune of "Baby It's Cold Outside"
Written by seniors Briana Crowe, Adam Kulam and Sean Pruzin

"Calculus is Hard"
Sung to the tune of "Feliz Navidad"
Written by seniors Hannah Dempsey, Erin Harvath and Hayley Kwasniewski



FACE THE MUSIC Papers in hand, AP Calculus BC students, seniors Andy Chen and Pepper Muangmingsuk carol in a Spanish classroom. "(It was) pretty fun," Andy said. "I didn't really know how to sing, but it was a good time. (Miss Valerie Pflum, math teacher) just gave us a free day and she was like 'Yo, get out your laptops and find a Christmas tune (to base your songs on).'"

THE GAME PLAN

Social studies lessons included educational games

A constant stream of homework and studying in school becomes monotonous. However, social studies teachers created a learning environment that incorporated fun games and activities to keep students involved and interested.

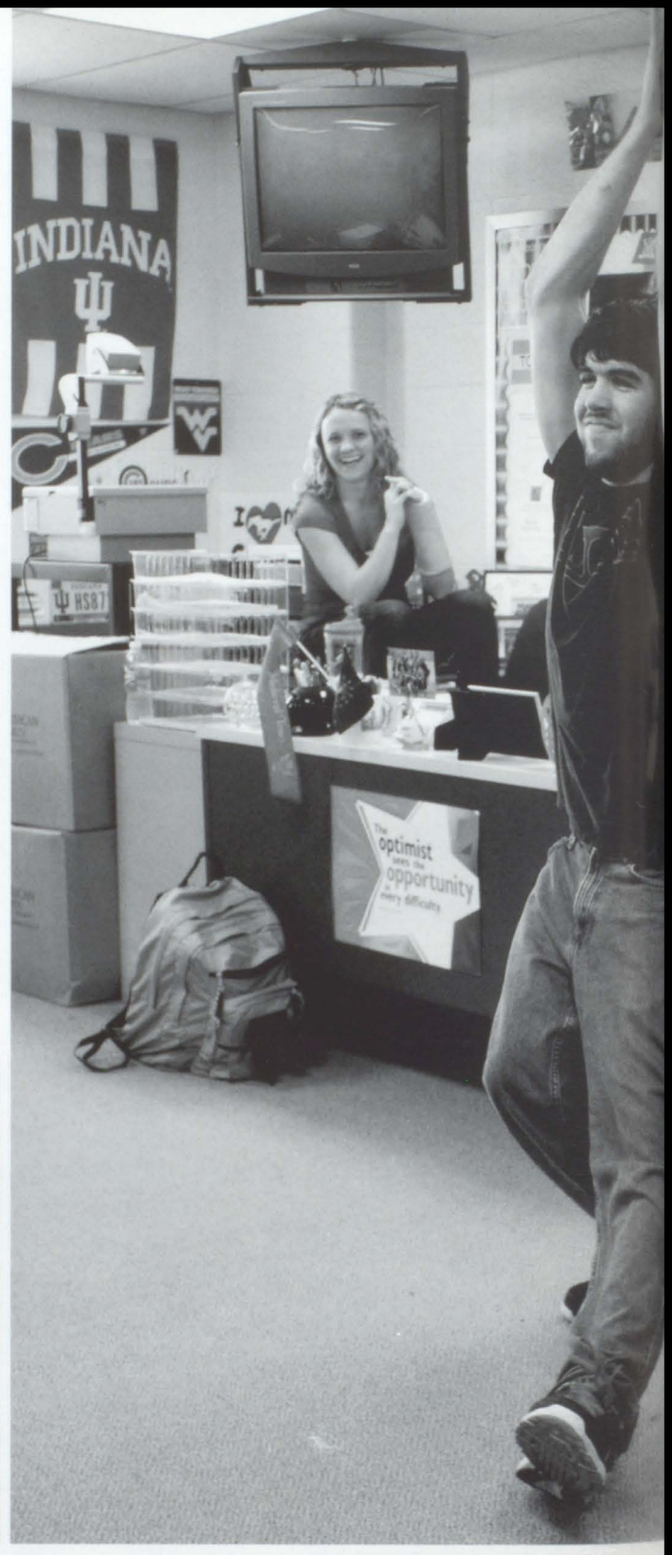
"(Games and projects) were a break from the boring (modern history) class every day," Anisha Kondamuri, sophomore, said. "Instead of sitting in a desk and listening to a lecture and taking notes and getting an assignment, that day we broke into four to five little groups and competed in little games."

Social studies classes were known for their innovative learning techniques including games and projects. Much of this stemmed from the teachers' understanding that students thrived off of unconventional learning.

"Even something as simple as a game of Monopoly could bring to light a different social complexity—like competition," Mr. Steven Lopez, social studies teacher, said. "It was another way to show and demonstrate that the kids were learning about a larger concept."

By playing games and doing interactive activities, students perceived their learning material in a new manner which, in return, made it more interesting and easy to understand. It also helped them better understand the concepts.

"I liked playing Monopoly because it was an entertaining way to help teach the APUSH students about capitalism in the most simplified fashion," Jackie Dye, junior, said.

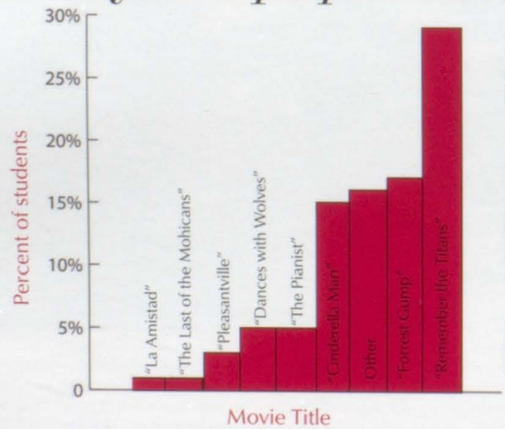


DANCE THE CLASS AWAY Dancing in front of his psychology class Dylan Bugajski, junior, taught his class about Communism as Ms. Angela Wayne, social studies teacher, laughed along. "(Ms. Wayne) wasn't very strict on the content you put into (the project)," Dylan said. "(Ms. Wayne) took a subject like psychology and made it fun."

THE GREAT DEBATE Debating his case, Clayton St. Martin, senior, presented his Supreme Court project in government. "(The project) got us involved in what we were learning because we got to argue our points," Clayton said.

grab your *popcorn*

U.S. history and AP U.S. history classes watched critically-acclaimed movies correlating with textbook lessons



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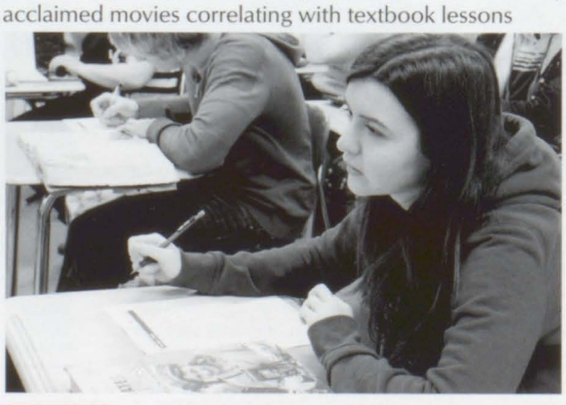

FOCUS IN As her U.S. history class begins, Tina Hough, junior enjoys watching movies along with some of the lessons. "I think it was a good way to connect the chapter with modern day," Tina said.

economics: one step at a time

As a required class, economics provided a framework of fundamental, mixed concepts, which had never before been introduced to students, to prepare them for real-world events

+ "Everything we talked about related to reality. It gave (the students) a framework of which they could better understand, from a personal level, of what's happened as well as from a political level."
Mr. Donald Fortner, AP economics teacher
+ "With history and math and English, you built upon concepts throughout your education, whereas in Economics, a lot of stuff is came at you from a new perspective which made the course very fascinating."
Mr. David Dausch, economics teacher
+ "(Economics) helped me make smarter financial decisions. The stock market game we played had informed me about how to invest wisely into stocks, and now I will be more informed when I get into the actual market."
Ricky Greep, senior
+ "I think it was definitely beneficial to all students to learn the true value of not only money and goods but everything that revolved around it as well."
Joey Gardner, senior

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME Brianna Dittmer, senior, raced to get enough points for her team during an AP economics game. "It was something different," Brianna said. "It changed the atmosphere a little bit."

FROM THE GROUND UP In an activity for economics, seniors Miranda Guerrero and Sofia Grubisich created their own products from random objects and advertised them to their class. "It was a creative way to see how entrepreneurs came up with different ideas that weren't thought of," Miranda said.

game time

Preparing for an upcoming test , Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, history teacher, played a review game about Egypt with his ancient history class in addition to lectures.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER Participating in a review game for their Ancient History class, freshman Olivia Eldert and Sofia Balac discussed their team's answer. "When you played games for review, the info just stuck more and better than just looking over notes," Olivia said.

MIX IT UP Speaking to his Ancient History class, Mr. Bojan Jovanovic, history teacher, integrates lecture and hands-on activities. "It brought everything that they have in their notes and book together and summarizes that," Mr. Jovanovic said.

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Drew Adams, 12
Success cannot be measured by norms, averages, or someone else's opinion. There is no set bar for success. The measure of success is different for everyone. For me, when you look back on your life when the end is near, body completely worn out, if you can whistle admiringly and say 'Woo hoo, what a ride!,' then you have succeeded."

Michael Yoniles, 10
Success, to me, is very close to an idea of perfection. It's never really possible to fully obtain but it should always be strived for."

Noah Moell, 9
Success is the small things that add up. I put full effort into every little detail. If you don't think the small things matter, sleep with a mosquito."

Elliott Fus, 10
Success is what you do to go for your greatness. Achieving it is never giving up, and fighting for what you want."

Ryan Glasen, 12
Success is not defined by how much money or awards someone wins. Success is being happy in your own life."

Elise Dorn, 12
My definition of success is not necessarily achieving exactly what I'd hoped for, but accepting the result of and learning from my mistakes resulting from my full effort. In school, success is learning the material and learning from my mistakes; in activities, success is exposing myself to new experiences no matter the result.

Yiorgo Karnezis, 11
My definition of success is: *noun* the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors; the accomplishment of one's goals.
I plan on achieving success by using Wikipedia, Google, and Red bull."

Javier D. Campos, 10
My definition of success is as long as you accomplish your goals and achieving them by getting good grades or what you need to accomplish it."

Nick Gauthier, 11
Success is achieving what you want in life the most. You achieve it by taking a problem head-on and conquering it and working hard to maintain it."

Zoe Mintz, 11
Success is being able to say you are happy and you find that by not letting the little things get you down."

YEARLY SURVIVAL GUIDE

A realistic set of definitions and insight about the typical year, per grade

FRESHMEN

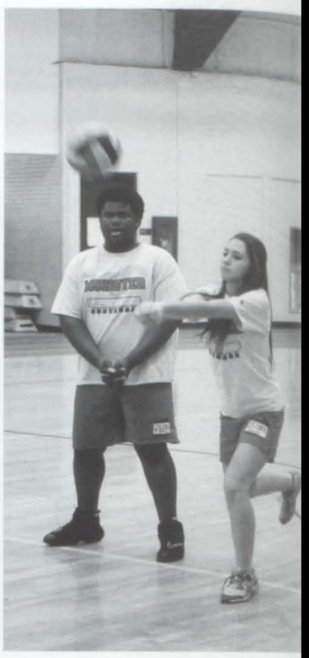
The year to get ready for the next three

fact vs. *fiction*

Entering high school, many rumors spread and high school experiences turned to stereotypes, but not all were true

FICTION	FACT
High school is just like the movies.	Each high school experience is different.
People always ditch.	No attendance means no graduation.
It is common to be shoved in a locker.	It is impressive to fit in a locker.

Source: Matt Aquino, sophomore



CHOIR PREACHING In the middle of a practice performance before a choir concert Mariah Dixton, freshman, stands on stage and goes through a song with her peers. "I like to sing," Mariah said. "I am kind of nervous but everyone else is singing so I am not worried about it."

PASSING GYM Bumping the volleyball in gym class, Sarah Johnson, freshman."I thought gym class would be climbing ropes and trying to reach the top," Sarah said. "But it turned out to be something completely different," Sarah said.

SOPHOMORES

The year to get the routine down had more importance than it was given credit

MAKING BANK Notes out, faces forward, sophomores Christo Matrakis and Dailyn Mendez sit in business teacher Mr. Kent Lewis' personal finance class.

sophomore check list

Throughout the year, sophomores could expect to do several things to prepare for junior year

- ☐ Get (at least) most of the required classes done
- ☐ Get a driving permit
- ☐ Join extracurricular activities and sports
- ☐ Pass the English ECA
- ☐ Do not be afraid to take challenging classes

Source: Saveda Majety, sophomore

ALL PLANNED OUT Meeting with her guidance counselor, Ms. Sharon Vail, Maddy Purcell, senior, gets more information about her future next year. "When I decided on the three schools I wanted to go to, Ms. Vail, told me the grades I needed and got me signed up for the SAT study courses and tests," Maddy said. "She helped the most because she was extremely encouraging and was straight forward."

SENIORS

With one year left, seniors kept busy applying for college and enjoying senioritis

how to excel at senioritis

Seniors shed light on ways to participate in the motion

"I just made myself believe that I didn't have homework."
Olivera Todorovic

"The key is to not do any work in the first place, nothing for you to suddenly stop doing."
Maddie Switalla

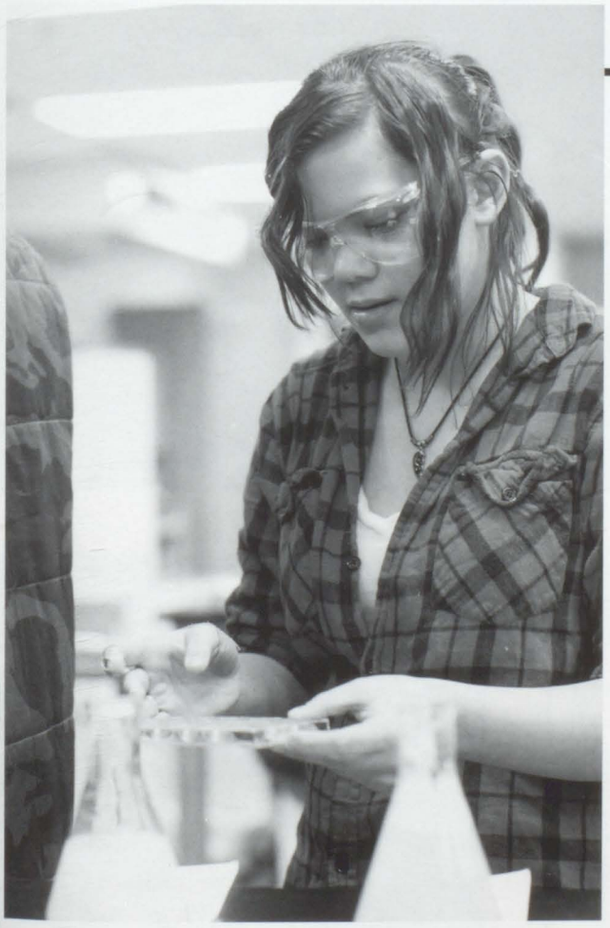
"Take all medical science classes so you can try to find a cure for senioritis."
Patrick Toth

"Don't take everything so seriously and never stress out over anything."
Grant Rademacher

dates to remember

It was imperative for seniors to meet deadlines when applying to attend colleges in the fall year

Nov. 1	Jan. 1	May 1
Early decision deadline for college applications	Submit FAFSA for financial aid as soon as possible after the release date.	Official college decision day



PLAYING THE ROLE On the ground during DECA practice, Alexia Barraza, junior, practices her role play in preparation for going to the state competition. Many juniors in DECA use it as a way to give them the academically competitive edge juniors work for throughout the year to use on college applications "When you were doing a role play, it was important to speak well and clear, and to say the things the judges wanted to hear," Alexia said.

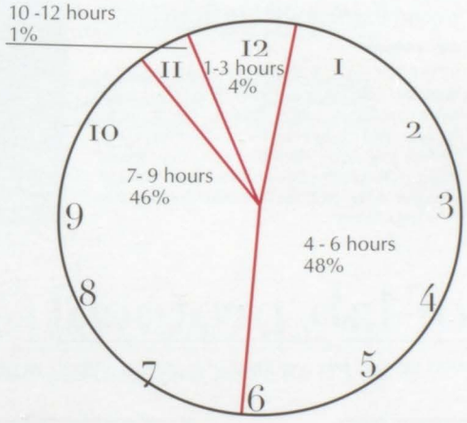
IN THE SCIENCE OF IT With a petri dish in hand, Jamie McDowell, junior, completes a her lab for Project Lead The Way: Principles of Biomedical Science. "I thought it was great that high schools offered such classes where I could get time in a lab to learn about medical biology," Jaime said.

JUNIORS

Known as the most stressful year, juniors took on the year and the challenges they faced

what is sleep?

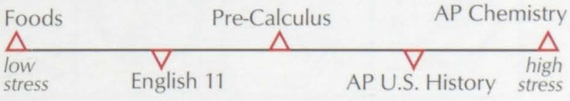
Students tell how many average hours of sleep they got



Source: Survey of 442 students conducted Feb. 19

taking on the challenge

Juniors take classes with varying levels of difficulty



Source: Camryn Fary, junior

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Zachary Dong, 9
The achievement of a goal, either of an individual or of a group of people, as long as it has meaning to them. The only way to truly achieve success is through persistence and effort – anything that does not require these things is not a meaningful goal."

Kaitlin Battista, 12
My definition of success is being able to hold all three of my cats at the same time for more than 7 seconds."

Megan Vandergriff, 11
When speaking of success I instantly think of education and a job in which someone is happy. I will go about achieving success by attending college directly after high school and then allowing life to move forward beyond there."

Vrusti Patel, 10
My definition of success is something you do that makes you happy. I would achieve this 'success' by setting realistic goals."

Maxwell Lawson, 12
The definition of success is starting off as a Magikarp and ending as a Gyarados."

Cecilia Zavala, 11
Success is accomplishing your goals and dreams. Hard work, dedication and determination can help you achieve this."

Garrett Glover, 10
Success is achieving true happiness, being truly happy with your life."

Nyssa Wedgeworth, 10
Success is not giving up when all odds are against you. You have to be like Dory--swimming through the dark until she found the light."

Sidd Divakaruni, 12
(Success) is self-satisfaction and achieving it comes with finding a happy medium between things you want and things you need."

Cat Oesterle, 12
(Success is) not having a 40% in band."

Maggie Gerber, 12
Success is achieving happiness and going about it would be doing what you love."

Matt Georgas, 10
Success is having a 4.0 GPA and not studying whatsoever. Just wing it."

Zach Simic, 11
Success is when you're successful."

CAUSING A STIR

In each science class, students made preparations for labs

Running around the lab searching for the necessary supplies, students gain an atypical hands on learning experience that differs from their other classes taken throughout the day. From the start of freshman year, students' first semester schedules started off with the requirement of honors or regular Biology.

For a diploma with Academic Honors, students must pass three full years of science courses, with the inclusion of Biology and either a Chemistry or Physics course. Some students wish they had more options available for what science class they took for the year, while others did not.

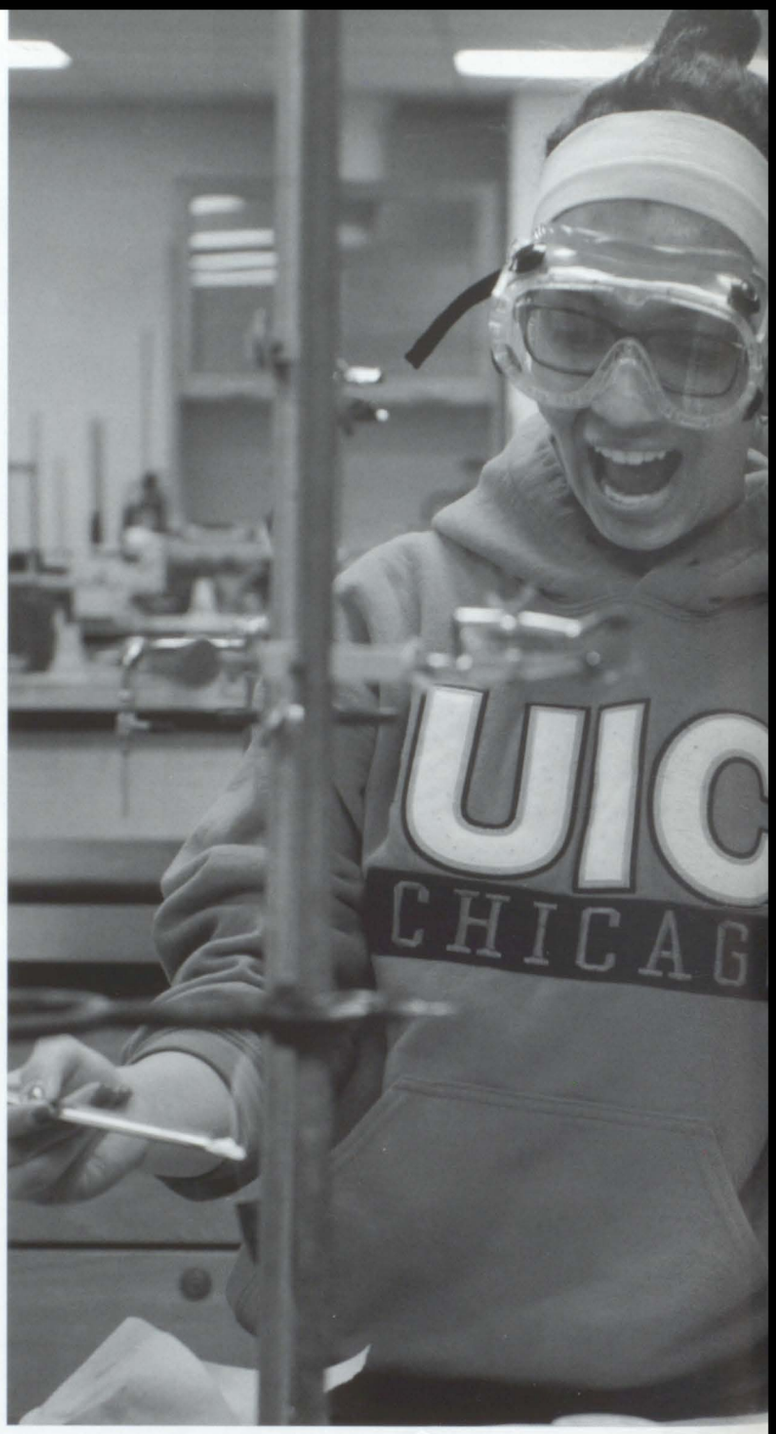
"I actually liked Biology and would keep it as my first (science class)," Cammie Stassin, freshman said. "I was more excited for the end of the year since we learned about animals, and I liked learning about that the best."

Looking into their future plans, many students tried to plan ahead for the oncoming years and have their schedules meet the prerequisites for classes they wished to take in years to come.

"I wanted to take them both (Chemistry and Physics) early so I could take the classes I really wanted to take for my junior year," JR Bales, sophomore, said.

Others procrastinated or just did not have time for a science class in previous years, and were obligated to take a science class senior year. Luckily, senioritis did not catch every senior, and they were able to find the fun in these classes and make the most of their last year in high school while making new memories.

"I liked learning new things every day from the endless and all-knowing mind of (Mr. Keith) Koszut (science teacher)," Joey Gardner, senior, said. "We didn't just learn science, we could learn anything from him."

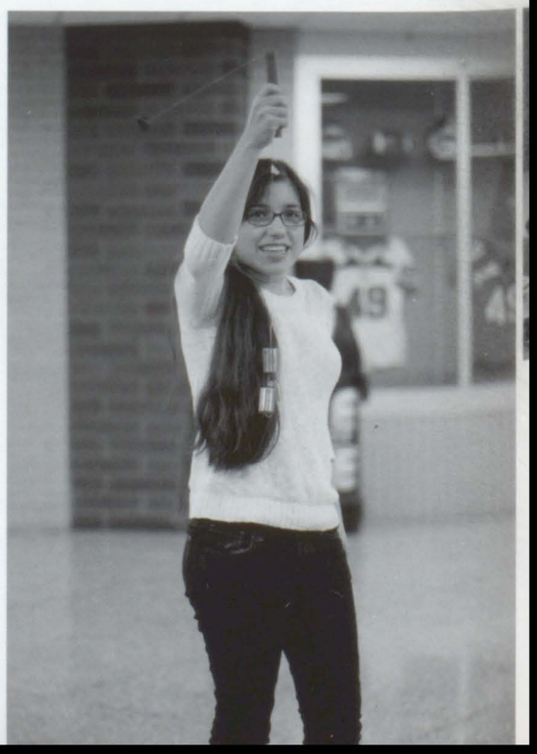


SPARKS IGNITED Trying to make observations of how different chemicals react with other chemicals, Rama Alsakaji, senior, looks for unknown mixtures in her AP chemistry class. "When you burnt the chemicals, they would make really pretty colors," Rama said. "I got to discover a hot pink that has now become my new favorite color."

periodic table of lab protocol

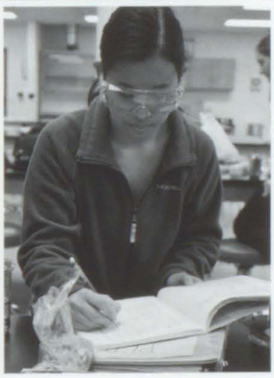
When working in the lab, students followed certain lab requirements implemented to prevent harm

01	Go	Wear goggles.
02	Be	Avoid breaking equipment.
03	Sh	Wear closed toe shoes.
04	De	Don't eat or drink in the lab.
05	Gl	Wear safety gloves.
06	Ds	Don't smell the chemicals.
07	Pt	Wear hair in a pony tail.
08	Wh	Wash your hands before and after a lab.
09	Dp	Don't play with fire.



measure up

Focusing on the experiment, students took advantage of hands-on learning in the labs



QUEEN OF HEARTS Helping sophomores Chloe Miller and Alyssa Chronowski, Ms. Catherine Maziekas, science teacher, points out a crucial part of a heart. "It was really cool being able to dissect a heart like that," Chloe said. "This kind of opportunity does not come up in many other classes so it was a great experience."

CHANGE OF PULSE Trying different ways to affect her pulse, Jennifer Watterson, freshman, and her group stick their hands into a bag of ice and then record the results. "My favorite part (of the experiment) was being able to see how quickly pulses could change," Jennifer said.

SCALING DOWN Measuring out the weight of hydrogen and oxygen of their compound in Chemistry, sophomores Arris Yoniles and Nicholas DeCero try adjusting their scale to weigh out the experiment. "We evaporated the water from our solution by heating it," Arris said. "We would then measure how much it weighed after each heating session."

COUNTING CALORIES Calculating the calories of different foods, Vivian Wei, freshman, writes down the answers after burning samples. "I really liked learning how calories were determined because not many people really knew what a calorie was made up of," Vivian said.

SWING IT Participating in a physics activity, Alexia Calderon, junior, tests the centripetal force in the hallways. "It was really cool to actually learn how things work," Alexia said. "The centripetal force is like magic."

DON'T LOSE YOUR MARBLES Launching marbles for the physics marble-launching lab, Laila Nawab, junior, takes notes of the speed of the marbles. "It was really fun watching my friends struggle while trying to catch the marbles as they launched off," Leila said.

looks like *chemistry*

A few science students brewed up some punny pick-up lines

Are you made of Copper and Tellurium? Because you are CuTe.
Logan Hoskins, freshman

Do you have 11 protons? 'cause you're Sodium fine!
Henry Wolf, sophomore

I'm so strongly attracted to you that scientists will have to develop a fifth fundamental force.
Harsh Jhaveri, junior

If I were an enyzme, I'd be DNA helicase so I could unzip your genes.
Hayley Kwasniewski, senior

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Brian Banach, 12
Success is achieving the goals that are important to you. It the individualistic drive for happiness and self-realization. To achieve success, it is important to strive to one's fullest potential while exhibiting moral virtue."

Kevin Fuhs, 12
Success is being able to overcome whatever challenge is in front of you. I go about achieving it by always trying my best and managing my time."

Zachary Geron, 10
To me, success is going through some type of hardship and coming out with more experience, knowledge, and strength. To achieve success, you must endure hardships and make yourself better using your struggle."

Ruth Kurowski, 10
My definition of success is knowing that you are loved by the Most High King and letting that love influence even the smallest facets of your life. Success is almost the opposite of proving yourself to the world. In fact, success is learning that you don't have to prove yourself to anyone."

Andrew Caroselli, 11
You know that feeling that you get when you gaze at the bowl of spaghetti that you just finished cooking? Yeah, that's the definition of success."

Kaila Cragues, 11
My definition of success is being truly happy with my life, who I've become and what I had accomplished. I will achieve success by doing my best at everything I do.

Krysten Leahy, 12
To me, success is accomplishing your goals. I try to achieve success by being determined and by believing in myself.

Cameron Kekelik, 10
Success is reaching your goals and achieving them. I work hard and push myself until I reach my goal.

Dara Medina, 11
If you feel like you're happy and you're not too stressed out. Stay positive."

Naiomi Velasco, 11
It's subjective for each person. But to me, it means getting to a place where I am happy."

Chase Ginivan, 11
"You just achieve success by doing exactly what you want and not giving into others around you. If you're doing what you truly love, you're successful."

Jacob Paulsen, 12
"Success is like an egg yolk, and the shell is your obstacle. Break through the obstacle and you got yourself an omelet.

Jenai Richards, 9
"Success is gaining a lesson from something you achieve, you can go about achieving success from trying your hardest at anything you do.

Sarah Mavity, 9
"Success is being happy and comfortable with your life and how you live.

Alejandro Flores, 9
"Success is not something simply given to those who ask. It is attained through much concentration, perseverance, and determination. Together, these factors contribute to an effort. So long as an effort is put forth and time is managed, you can guarantee that you'll be closer to success than you otherwise would be. As of now, I've been struggling to maintain my own success, but I promise both my teachers and my parents to strive for the high standards that have been set for me.

Christopher Snyder, 11
"My definition of success is the ability to achieve ones dreams by working hard to improve your various skills that will overall help you accomplish your goals in life.

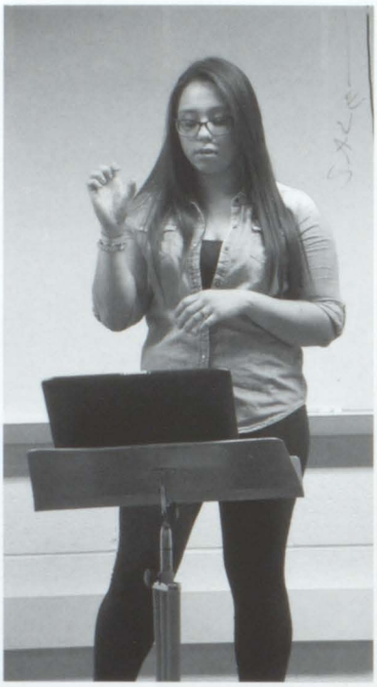
Isabella Malagon, 9
"My definition for success is to achieve your goals. In order to achieve this you have to work hard, and ignore anyone who says you can't do it.

Nureya Miller, 11
"I think success means being happy with what you have done with your life. I try to stay true to myself along with staying positive because I always get the best results regardless of what I am doing when I stay happy and positive.

Christian Eloisa, 11
"Definition (of success) is the will power to achieve greatness and you achieve it by working hard.

Rama Alsakaji, 12
"When you're happy with whatever you end up with, regardless of personal standards. My way to go about achieving success would be doing what feels necessary to feel proud of myself and my skills.

Jessica Layous, 12
""Insert cliché quotation about being happy for yourself" Just listen to the clichés, the reason they're a cliché is because they're said over and over again and because we are constantly reminded of these statements and it's cliché because we forget to do them.



SIGHING OUT One hand up and focusing on the following sign, Mariah Cabrales, junior, signed for her ASL class. "I thought being able to communicate with deaf people is really cool and I wanted to learn their language," Mariah said.

IN TRANSLATION While doing an online French activity, sophomores Marijke Van Dyke and Maddy Foley work together to complete the activity before the bell rings. "My mom used to be a French teacher, so it was not really a choice to take French," Marijke said. "The class is different every day."

all in *translation*

Around the world in eight sentences

One language is never enough.

Seulement une langue n'est jamais assez.

Un idioma es suficiente nunca.

Nur eine Sprache ist nie genung.

How are you?

Ça va?

¿Cómo estás?

Wie geht's?

Key: GERMAN *FRENCH* **SPANISH**

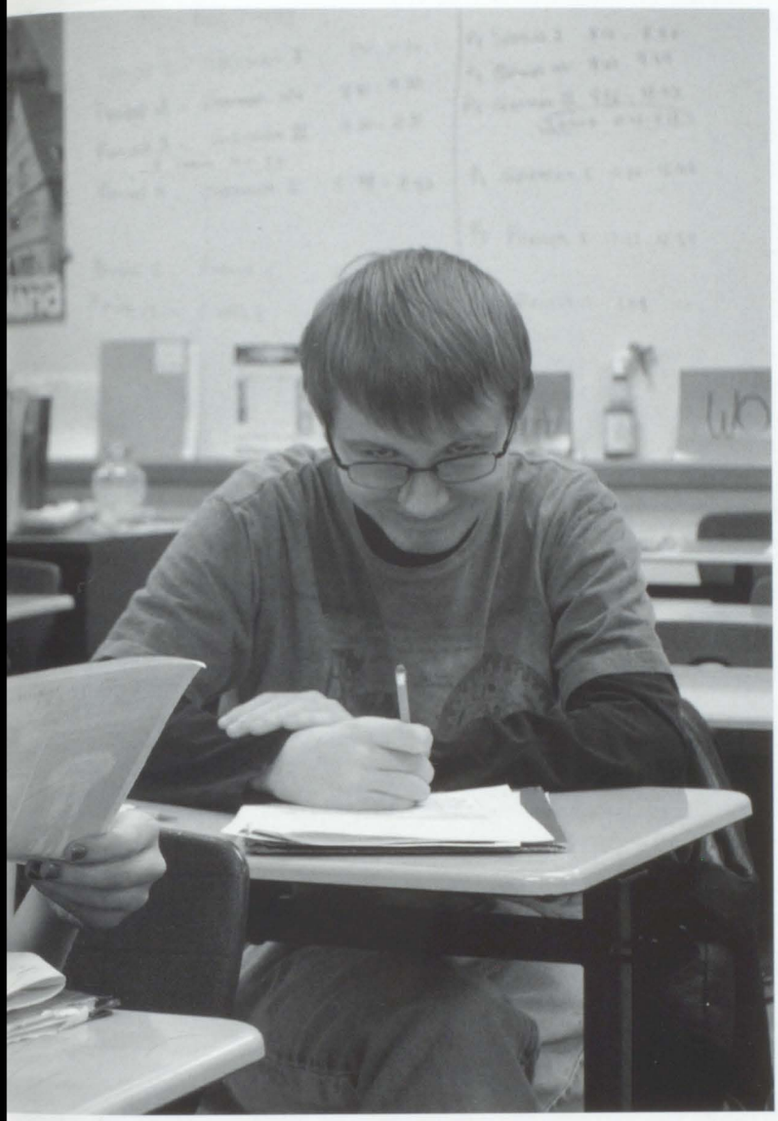
Source: Ms. Ada Galvez, German teacher; Ms. Stephanie Peterson, French teacher; Mrs. Rosemary Malagon, Spanish teacher

join the *club*

To expand their exposure to the language, many students joined French club after and participated in various activities

COLOR LOVIN' Coloring pencil in hand, Kimberly Wang, senior, attends one of French Club's newest events, Valentine's Day card-making. "The group is very tight-knit," Kimberly said. "Breton dancing, that was absolutely the most fun."

NUTELLA CRAZE At one of the French club events, Abi Jurado, senior, spreads Nutella on her crepe. "There were nutella, bananas, whipped cream and, obviously, crepes." Abi said. "It was nice to see a lot of people, mainly from French club partake and come together as a whole to eat and have a good time."



ART OF SPEAKING

New languages presented new challenges

Opening the door to Mr. Paul LaReau's Spanish Class, all that could be heard was a voice that is loud and quick, almost in a frantic manner. Looking around, some of his students shared blank, confused looks while others were captivated by what their teacher had to say. The classes challenged all students, whether considered amateurs or professionals, with worksheets, listening activities and for the more advanced classes, understanding a television series.

"(Mr. LaReau)'s class was different," Laila Nawab, junior, said. "When we had to speak in Spanish constantly, it was difficult at times to say what you want to say and also retain the information that was previously said. I guess the thought of being able to only speak Spanish is scary, but once it's put into practice, you get the hang of it."

While Mr. LaReau knew that learning the complexity of a language was difficult, he makes the point that it is not possible. For the students that took the time to actually learn the basics of the language and build from that, he knew they will succeed.

"You cannot become proficient in a language in three years, it may satisfy the Academic Honors requirement, but it did not make you fluent," Mr. LaReau said. "There is a difference in the kids who continue past Spanish III and those who stop at Spanish III. A student needs to determine their goal with a foreign language, if it is for Academic Honors or if it is to become proficient in the language."

IN FOR A LAUGH During a listening activity in Ms. Galvez's German V, seniors Catherine Ardnet and Zach Long discuss the activity and the humorous audio. "I wanted to learn German because my mom spoke some German," Catherine said. "It's a lot more difficult because of all the teachers changing."

moving on *up*

Continuing to expand their knowledge on a language, students took advanced levels of the class

DE ESPAÑA While conversing with his students in Spanish, Mr. Paul LaReau, Spanish teacher, explains the different regions and the geographical features of Spain. "Foreign languages can be compared to a musical instrument," Mr. LaReau said. "You cannot become proficient within a few practices it is similar with foreign languages."

FOUR IS A CROWD In German IV class of four, seniors TJ Wiess and Nikki Smith listen to a German audio during class. "German is in my heritage, so I knew that I had to learn the language," TJ said. "I also want the academic honors diploma."

Isiah Brooks, 12
"I think the definition of success is achieving your long term goals. You can achieve it by putting forth hard work and dedication to the goal and nothing can stop you!

Stephanie Patterson, 10
"My definition of success is achieving a planned goal to the best of your ability.

Walker Hedgepath, 12
"My definition of success is engaging in activities that result in personal accomplishment and satisfaction. The best way to achieve this concept is through hard work and dedication; there's no feeling quite as great as stepping away from a finished product or work that you know you've given your all to partake in.

John Archer, 11
"Success is being paid to do something that you enjoy.

Casey Terry, 12
"The definition of success is waking up in the morning and not feeling tired. You go about achieving this by not taking a hundred AP classes.

Lily Hasler, 12
"I think it's doing what you love in life.

Julianne Rice, 12
"As long as you're happy with your life, that's success

Michael Velesovsky, 12
"Success is living a happy life and getting an education.

Rohan Chatterjee, 12
"Finding something that you're happy you get to do every morning.

Kenny Chinnam, 10
"Success would be having a happy life and getting everything you want. You achieve it by working hard.

Christina Margaris, 12
"Accomplishing a goal you've always wanted to. Depending on the goal, I pursue the steps to reach it.

Jacqueleen Gonzalez, 9
"By getting straight A's and a good GPA.

Kyle Edgcomb, 12
"Work hard and follow your heart no matter what anyone else tells you, and don't give up.

Alex Baker, 12
"Hard work and have other people do it for me.

Emily Hammermeister, 12
"Success is being the Avatar and saving the world.

fondue fun

Get out your pots and ingredients and cook up this simple recipe for pizza fondue, a yearly favorite for foods teacher Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo's advanced foods classes

PIZZA FONDUE

1 onion, chopped
1/2 lb ground beef
2 cans pizza sauce
1 tbsp corn starch
1 1/2 tsp fennel seed
1 1/2 tsp oregano
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1 c grated Cheddar cheese
1 c grated Mozzarella cheese

FONDUE: Brown onion and meat in Fondue pot at High. Reduce heat to Medium. Mix cornstarch and seasonings into pizza sauce and add sauce to mixture. Stir well. When mixture thickens and bubbles, add cheeses by thirds, stirring well after each addition. Adjust to Medium heat to maintain bubbly consistency for serving.

DUNKERS: Serve over garlic bread cubes or a toasted English muffin

Serves 4-6 as main dish, 10-12 as appetizer

Source: Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo, foods teacher

WHAT'S COOKING Stirring tomato sauce in the pot, DeArJne Douglas, junior, prepares to make lasagna for her Foods I class. "I loved being able to make food that I never was able to make before this class," Dearjne said. "It was also just a really fun part of my day and less stressful."

show and tell

Artists in art teacher Mrs. Elena Lopez's classes show off some of their best pieces they made during the year

1. **"The Purple Forest"** by Ryan Myers, senior
2. **"Picasso Imitation"** by Tori Foster, senior
3. **"Up the Down Staircase"** by Carlos Douglas, junior
4. **"World in Hand"** by Samantha Chau, sophomore

ART IN THE MAKING Painting is daily routine for AP Studio Art students like Amanda Kvasnica, senior. "AP Studio Art was definitely one of my favorite classes," Amanda said. "It was difficult, but it just gave me a release from the stress of other classes."

PUTTING IT TO PAPER While sketching out his drawing, Brandon Johnson, senior, breaks his focus to relax. "Drawing took a lot of work and focus," Brandon said. "So it was nice to take a break and relax sometimes because drawings take a long time."

baby business

Caring for an interactive baby for the weekend, Child Development students had to constantly attend to the baby

1:33 a.m.	rock baby	1:45 p.m.	nap
3:28 a.m.	feed baby	3:18 p.m.	feed baby
4:55 a.m.	rock baby	5:22 p.m.	burp
7:26 a.m.	diaper	6:48 p.m.	diaper
9:13 a.m.	feed baby	7:36 p.m.	rock baby
10:53 a.m.	burp baby	9:43 p.m.	feed baby
12:03 p.m.	diaper	11:15 p.m.	sleep

Source: Haley Collison, junior

MOCK MOM Even with a 30-pound weight that Child Development students had to wear during a mock-pregnancy project, Miranda Mihalic, senior, shows a smile. "It was a knowledgeable experience because it allowed me to share a mother's point of view," Miranda said. "It changed my outlook on teens who are pregnant."

PULLIN' YOUR OWN WEIGHT Working out his chest muscles, Dylan DeYoung, senior, goes to one of his favorite machines to get a few reps in. "Bodybuilding is an art, and your body is a canvas," Dylan said. "We all have the ability to turn a self-portrait into a masterpiece."

PUSHING THROUGH THE PAIN The weight room is like a second home to Patrick Marsh, junior. "I spend about 9 hours a week working out, over a total of five days, sometimes twice a day," Patrick said. "I spend a lot of time doing bench press and squats to help with my overall strength and power, as well as improving my speed with the squats.."

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BREAKING FREE

Electives gave a chance to relax from other classes

While most students spent 49 minutes a day in art teacher Mrs. Elena Lopez's AP Studio Art class, Jordan Anderson spent more time working on art outside the art room.

"I never stop painting and thinking of new ideas I want to work on," Jordan said.

Painting became even more important to her when she used it as a source of therapy when her grandmother passed away a little over a year ago. Mrs. Lopez opened up the studio to Jordan whenever she needed to take a break during school.

"Me and my grandma always used to paint together," Jordan said. "So painting wasn't only something I did to cope with, it was a way for me to stay close with her."

The therapeutic nature of art Jordan learned through this experience encouraged her to want to become an art therapist as a career.

"Art has the ability to be extremely therapeutic, especially when something so tragic happens to you," Mrs. Lopez said. "I just wanted Jordan to feel she could come in whenever she needed a distraction."

Despite her previous skills, Jordan said that the art classes have helped her grow and develop her own style.

"The classes here have given me skills and techniques to help put my ideas onto paper," Jordan said. "They've been essential for my success at Munster High School and an inspiration for what I plan to be."

ON THE DRAW Starting out his drawing project in 2D Art, Josh Dragicevich, freshman, looks outside the greenhouse windows for inspiration. "We spent a lot of time in the hallway working on the dimension project trying to find the right angle and placement," Josh said.

“What’s the most valuable lesson you learned in a club?”

Paragon asked, and you anwered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

BAND FEVER Preparing themselves for competi tion, Joshua Hoogewerf, freshman, and Jeremy Murphy, junior, practice playing during March ing Band practice. Band members practiced 2-3 times a week before competitions, which led them to placing sixth at the State competition.

COMING TOGETHER

You did not have to be involved in every club. You did not have to place at every competition.

You just had to be you.

After struggling to finish an experiment in Science Olympiad, a team member's help guided you in the right direction. The Original Oratory you were struggling to write seemed less daunting after consulting a fellow Speech member.

When the "you" became a "we," everything fell into place.

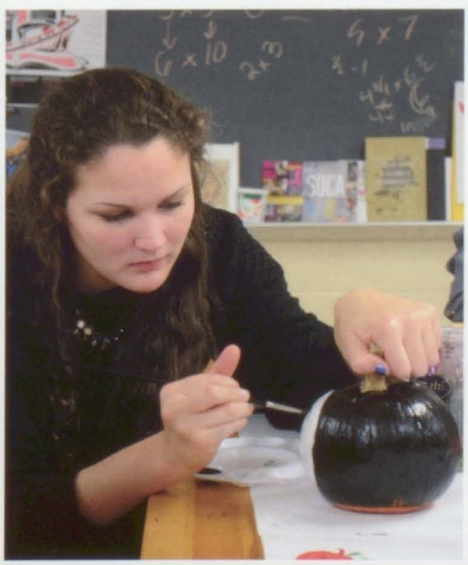
It started with attending early morning 6 a.m. practice and submitting final *Crier* pages at 1 a.m. It started with making unforgettable memories as we assembled in the spirit circle before "Up the Down Staircase."

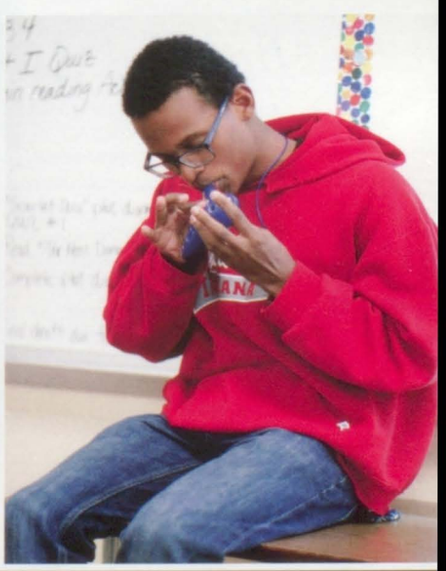
It started with coming together.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

- Upon discovering that only tests would be taken into consideration for DECA Districts, we crammed in last-minute practice tests hoping our scores wouldn't suffer. But we succeeded and claimed first place yet again.

- From weekly Monday night practices to constant Starbucks study sessions, we immersed ourselves in civic knowledge for We the People. By using a wild card for the first time, we continued our journey as we advanced to the National competition, despite our second place at State.





FACE OFF Acting like a canvas, Ian Brundige, freshman, gets his face painted by Julia Pena, freshman, during an Art Club Halloween Party. "I like art," Ian said. "It's interesting because you can be creative and be yourself by just doing what you want."

PIECE OF CAKE Immersed in French culture, seniors Charles Desceris and Kimberly Wang eat cake during a French club meeting. "I joined French Club because I thought it would help me get some extra immersion of the culture," Charles said.

PUMPKIN CRAZE Focused on her pumpkin, Tori Foster, senior, paints it as a vampire for Halloween in Art Club. "I liked how we were able to do our own individual thing. (Ms. Elena Lopez, art teacher) just let us work on whatever project we were working on," Tori said.

DROPPING THE BEAT With a change of pace, Cameron Singleton, senior, plays the ocarina during the Music Day themed Poetry Club meeting. "Music Day really allowed people to express themeselves through music, which is the purest form of expression," Cameron said.

best of the books

Max Baker, senior, gave his reveiws and overview of several books that the Read and White Book Club read throughout the year

MAZE RUNNER
James Dashner

Summary

When Thomas wakes up on an elevator, he has no memory of who he is or how he got there. On the otherside of those walls is a constantly shifting maze. Thomas must then venture into the Maze and find a way out before he's trapped forever.

Review

This book is awesome for younger readers, but not so much for high schoolers. The plot is too disjointed, moving fast in some places and slow in others. Rather then show us the plot, Dashner constantly tries to create tension by withholding information.

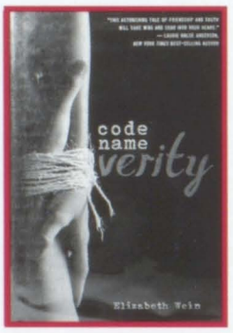
CODE NAME VERITY
Elizabeth Wein

Summary

Based in WWII, Queenie is a pilot who has been captured by the Nazis. She is given two weeks to give them the information they need or else. With nothing but a piece of paper, Queenie tells her story through her friend Maddie's eyes.

Review

This is one of the best historical fiction books. While the book can become long winded and have one too many descriptions of flying airplanes, the story itself is one of the most complex and real stories I've read in a long time.



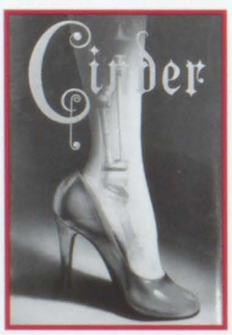
CINDER
Marissa Meyer

Summary

Cinder is the sci-fi version of Cinderella set in New Beijing. Cinder is a cyborg working for her stepmother and stepsisters in order to pay for her room and board while a deadly plague sweeps across the nation.

Review

This is a great take on the Cinderella fairy tale. The subtleties between the original story and Meyer's are brilliant. While the world building could have been better, Meyer has a knack for taking a character and making its story her own.



PAINTING SMILES Paintbrush in hand, Shivani Dighamber, junior, participates in a volunteer Halloween face painting event that Art Club had the opportunity to attend. "After I finished, the kids were so excited to see," Shivani said. "I've liked art since I was a little kid, and it was always something I was good at."

SHOWING OFF Juniors Eleni Georgalas and Carlos Douglas present the art club mural design to their peers. "I was really excited when it was confirmed that we were painting a mural," Eleni said. "I knew that with all of the talented artists in the club, it would turn out amazing."

behind the minds

Poetry club members wrote numerous poems during the year and decided to share a few

Kendra Williams, senior

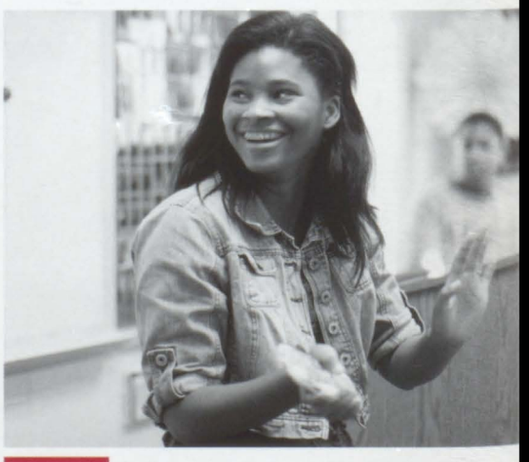
I grew up trying to make the world a better place,
During the course got caught up in the outcome,
And thoughts of the future took realities place,
I grew up trying to see the world in a different light,
Got so caught up trying to find peace I never learned how to fight,
I grew up trying to uncover the truth in a world full of lies,
Got so lost in the darkness of the world that I didn't realize that life becomes a whole lot brighter if you just open your eyes

Pharez Israel, senior

Juxtaposing the lover and loner,
Surmounting on irony and paradoxical findings,
The moon and sun aren't opposites,
Neither love and loneliness,
Contradictorily, they can be compliments,
Supplementing and substituting confidence,
In case the cockpit is catastrophic

Alex Samuels, senior

Who are you?
My goals are my goals
I fight through these demons
My mind has been lost
But I stand before you still breathing
Who are you to say I can't?



POETRY FOR THE SOUL Presenting a poem to the rest of her clu members, Kendra Williams, senior, spent her Wednedays writing p etry and connecting with her peers. Throughout the year, Poetry clu particpicated in poetry slams, a music day and numerous acitivitie that helped inspire the members creative thinking.

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Ashley Breger, 10
I learned that it is important to work with others."

Josh Perez, 10
The most valuable lesson I've learned from a club is that hard work doesn't always pay off."

Ari Lagunas, 10
The most valuable lesson I've learned in a club was to show up."

Katie Szakacs, 10
I learned from club volleyball to always have a positive mindset when playing because one negative vibe can be felt by everyone on the court and that's not good."

Prabhneet Girn, 12
I'll never forget the bond We The People made after we missed nationals by one place. On the bus ride home, everyone was sad. Then, Sean Pruzin suggested we make the best of our time together, so we joked around and it brought us closer."

Amanda Forde, 11
Dedication and communication with your fellow club members was something valuable I've learned."

IT'S JUST THE LITTLE THINGS

Smaller clubs offered stress-free extra curricular activities

From perfecting their back hand in ping pong to pouring their heart out during a poetry slam, students were able to take a break from their stressful studies to enjoy some leisurely clubs.

ASL club offered a further understanding for sign language and the deaf community. The students were given the opportunity the first Wednesday of each month to join a group of deaf citizens at Dante's pizza, where everyone enjoyed getting to know each other while signing conversaions.

"The deaf events that were open to all ASL students were extremely helpful while learning their culture and language," Caitlyn Gilbert, junior, said. "I joined ASL because I wanted to get more involved and go deeper into the deaf community."

Along with advancing their signing abilities, Art club was another way students were able to be creative and express themselves while trying to improve their skills.

During meetings, Art club would discuss fundraising, volunteer projects and their plans for the mural that was painted in the South hallway.

Students were able to express themselves and create art that represented who they were as well as showcase their talents.

"My favorite part of Art club was that it was never boring," Savannah Shaver, junior, said. "There was always someone working on an art project that I wouldn't have been able to come up with myself. I loved seeing people's different ways of expressing themselves through their art."

WORK OF ART Tracing the Art Club mural design, Tori Foster, senior, and Savannah Shaver, junior, spent their Wednesday afternoons creating the piece of art along side of their club peers. "Some of the designs were really intricate and helped contrast the more simple ones," Tori said. "Once the color was added it made all of the club designs pop."

PLAYING THE TABLE Mid match, freshmen Andrew Zajakowski, Sam Springsten and Caleb Thomas practiced their ping pong skills while getting to take a break from the stress of school after school . "It looked like a pretty chill activity to do after school," Sam said. "I liked a lot of the people who are in it, too. They were really fun and nice."

INFORMAL FUN STAND member, Jordan Wright, freshman, keeps his composure as Roxie Pugh, senior, wrapped him in streamers as their informal dance comes to a close. "I joined STAND because it seemed like an interesting organization that focused on awareness for minorities," Jordan said.

Peyton Tinder, 11
After school in the speech room, my friend and I took 'How Many Goats are you Worth?' quiz. I'm worth 10 goats."

Chase Ginaven, 11
I remember my first Hawks game, they were facing the Vancouver Canucks."

Isabella Blackford, 9
To be a team player and always look for the good of the team."

Cameron Singleton, 11
The most valuable lesson I've learned through poetry club is that you can understand collective ideas by reading research papers and other forms of writing, however poetry helps you understand the individuals ideas and thoughts in ways you'd never imagine."

Meena Kandallu, 11
(From DECA) I learned to never yell at someone who just threw a piece of pizza at the wall."

Ajeyo De, 10
Dancing the "Nei nei" onstage in front of like 2,000 people when I became the State Champion for DECA."

SUCCESS IS NOT ONLY WINNING

The DECA and Speech teams lost their titles of reigning State champions this year when they both got second place third overall."

For most sports and extracurricular activities, state-level competitions were a crucial time to shine–to win. For seven years, DECA was reigning state champions; for five years, Speech was reigning state champions.

However, they both lost their titles this year. Since both competitions relied heavily on oratory skills, results and performance could be unpredictable.

Instead of focusing on the loss, many teammates remembered their winning individual performances and future competitions.

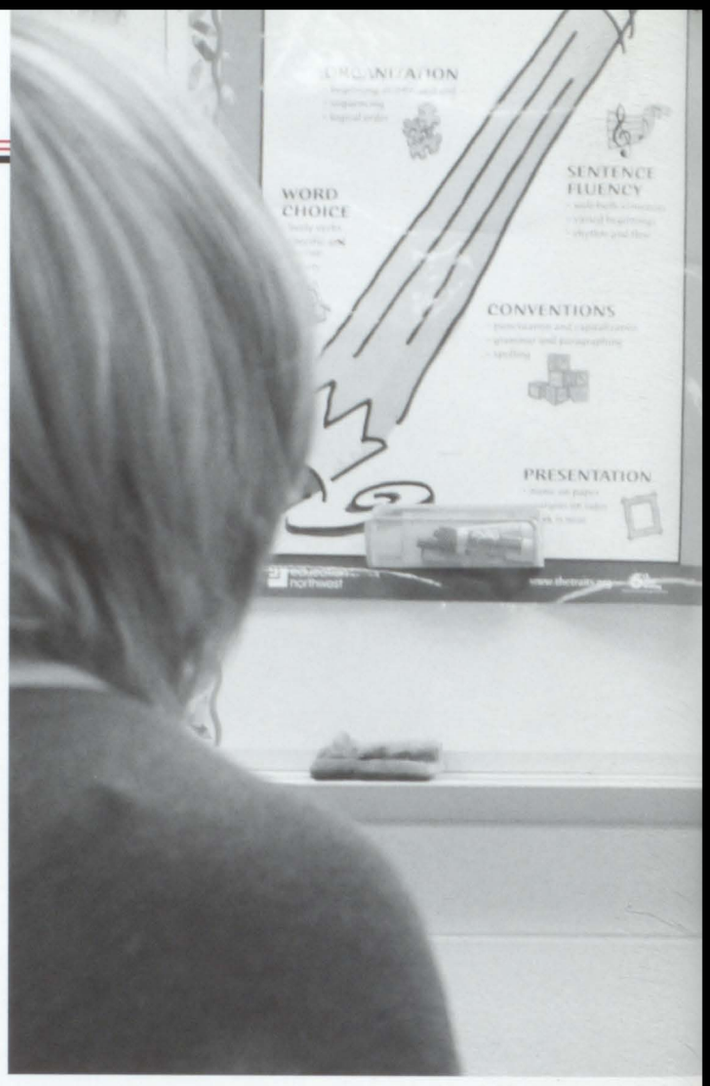
"I got first at Districts and fourth at State for DECA and I'm continued on to Internationals," Bridget Caraher, junior, said. "For Speech, my duo partner and I had a very successful regular season. We also got first at Sectionals and finaled at State, placing

Like many other students, Bridget was involved in both activities. Many students felt more prepared for college and the workforce by gaining confidence and experience.

Competing throughout high school, Rohan Chatterjee, senior, placed first at the prestigious Harvard competition. However, at State this year, Rohan placed third.

"I loved to perform and I was very competitive, so luckily speech was a marriage of those two things," Rohan said.

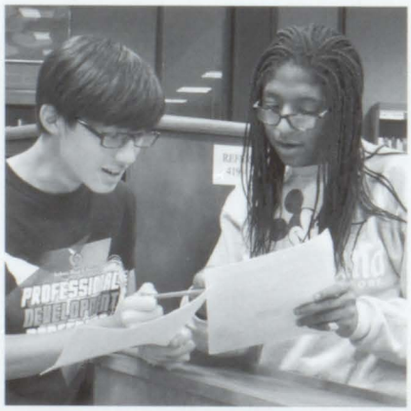
Although public speaking teams lost their long-standing championship titles this year, members believe the teams still had successful seasons, according to Rohan.



TALK IT OUT Practicing with Speech coach Katie Boyle, Vivian Reba, junior, expresses her creativity and skill through poetry. "(My piece was) about racism and ignorance toward biracial people, and I was feeling if the correct spot was desperate enough to be accepted and understood," Vivian said.

the great *debates*

To prepare for Districts, State and Nationals, the Debate team practiced overtime



WORK HARD, PLAY HARD Laughing along with Mr. Adam Bobeck, assistant Debate coach, Isabel Nieves, sophomore, prepares for the State competition by studying what they judges may ask them in follow-up questioning. "I felt really ready for the big debate meet that weekend, State," Isabel said. "I was really happy with the hard work my fellow debaters put into the practices."

STICK TOGETHER Discussing an issue, sophomores Obie Onah and Patrick Wu discuss policy at Debate practice. "Obie really helped the team understand our debate evidence a lot better," Patrick said. "She's really smart."

behind the *scenes*

Fundraising and logistics require DECA and Speech & Debate members to do more than just compete

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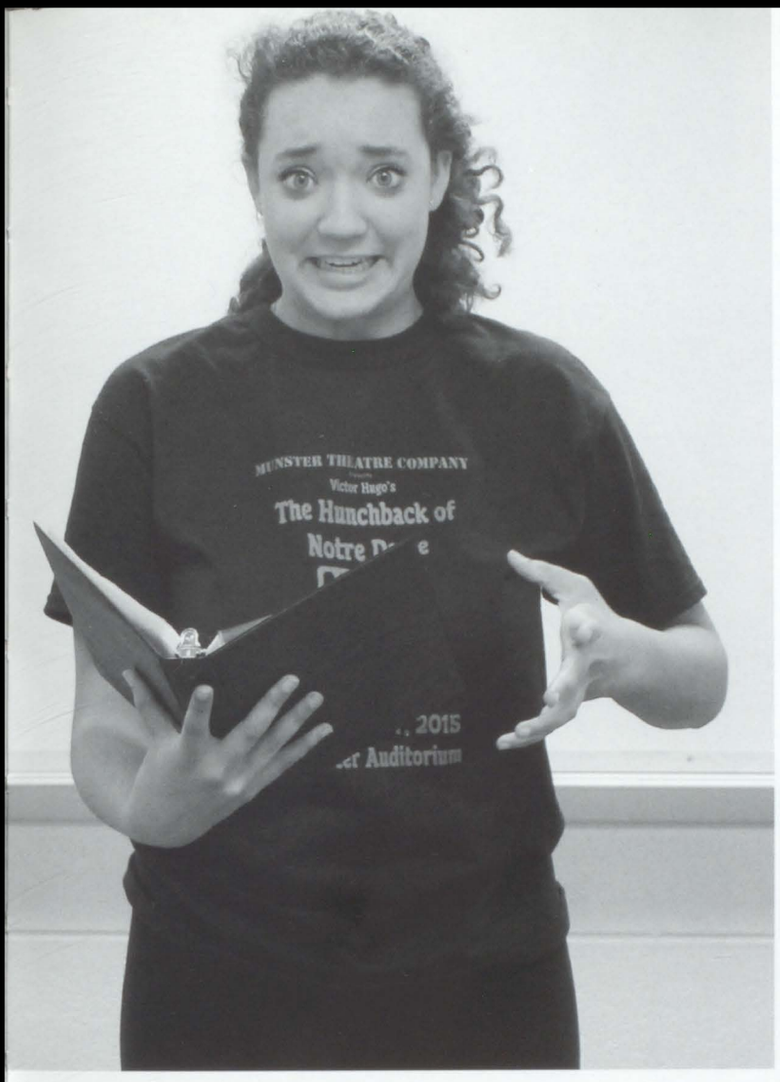
Anna Whitney, 10
There are always people who understand and are willing to listen."

Matt Georgas, 10
Probably that working well with others is key in any club."

Emri Foreit, 9
My favorite memory has to have been from Speech where I was with all my friends competing. It was really exciting to see all the scores and how far everyone had come."

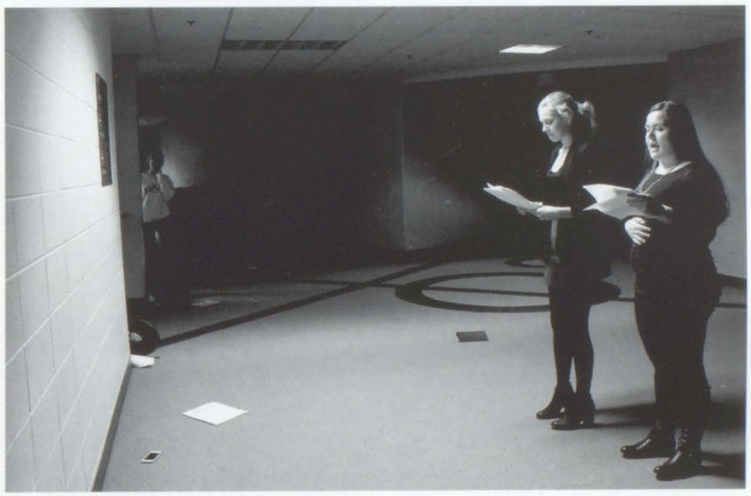


talk to *walls*

Before meets Speech members practice in front of walls to perfect their memorization at the last minute

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Preparing to go into a competition round, Olivia Foley, freshman, recites her speech to a wall as she tries to memorize it before an Extemporaneous round. "Speech has taught me a lot of life lessons," Olivia said. "It has given me confidence and allows me to speak my mind."

TALK IT OUT Using a wall as their audience, seniors Maureen Doherty and Meredith Simmons practice their speech piece. "We were practicing for our duo," said Meredith. "We were really nervous about performing it because we didn't have a long time to learn the piece."

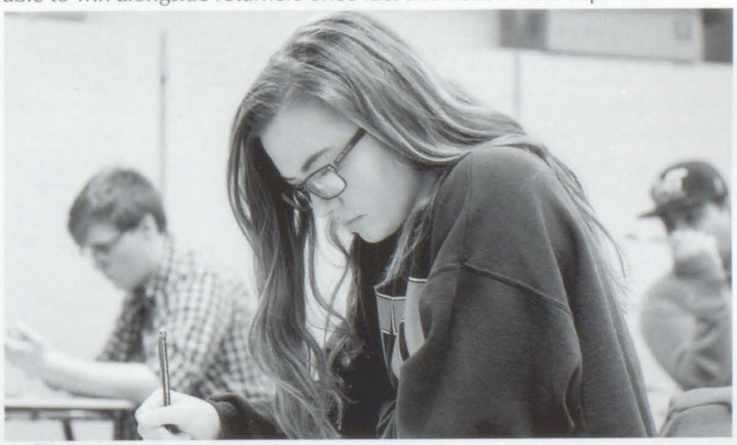


HELPING HAND Giving his team members and co-Sponsor Mr. David Kaplan a hand, Alex Wisniewski, senior, helps load the luggage into the bus before the team left for the State competition in Indianapolis. "I hopped on the van to hurry the luggage loading process up," Alex said.

IT CUTS IT Cutting foil, Nikki Crowe, freshman, prepares for the annual Speech & Debate Chicken BBQ Dinner. The team had to prepare foil to place the BBQ chicken they would sell to the community to raise funds for the season's upcoming competitions, which could very expensive. "I thought it was a fun opportunity to get more involved," Nikki said.

teach me how to *DECA*

For first year competitors, DECA could be confusing, but beginners were able to win alongside returners once fact and fiction were separated



TEST YOUR WAY TO THE TOP Taking a practice DECA test, Kelsie Kasper, junior, prepares for competing in the Business Law & Ethics event; the test accounts for 50% of the final score, in addition to a role play. "Practicing and studying really helped me understand my event," Kelsie said.

FICTION

+ You are judged on your outfit
+ Performance indicators do not mean anything
+ Nothing matters besides the content of your presentation

FACT

+ Dressing professionally gives you a competitive edge
+ Performance indicators are a main component of scoring
+ Strong eye contact and hand shakes add points

Source: Maddie Switalla, senior

+ Paige Meceyssine, 10
I love connecting with everyone in theater."

+ Taylor Brant, 11
Making life-long friendships."

+ Zoe O'Dea, 9
Dedication."

+ Lissette Araya, 9
My favorite memory was probably going to Orlando for Science Olympiad Nationals."

+ Richard Caraher, 9
My favorite part about being in a club is that I can meet people who share interests with me."

+ Vishva Maniar, 11
Teamwork and respect."

+ Julian Alvarado, 9
Always be the best."

LEADING A PATH FOR TOMORROW

From competing in We the People to planning events in CEC, students participated in clubs to develop future skills

Tears stream down We the People members' faces after they found out they just received second place at State, one place short of advancing to Nationals.

"After the shock, we were all just sad," Anna Riggs, junior, said. "It was more than just a tournament for us. On our way home, we went to McDonald's, and the McDonald's lady probably thought I was crazy because I started crying after she gave me my hot fudge sundae."

Even with second place, the team still received the chance to compete at Nationals with the Wild Card, a raffle which allowed some states to send more than one team to Nationals. After many years, Indiana received the Wild Card.

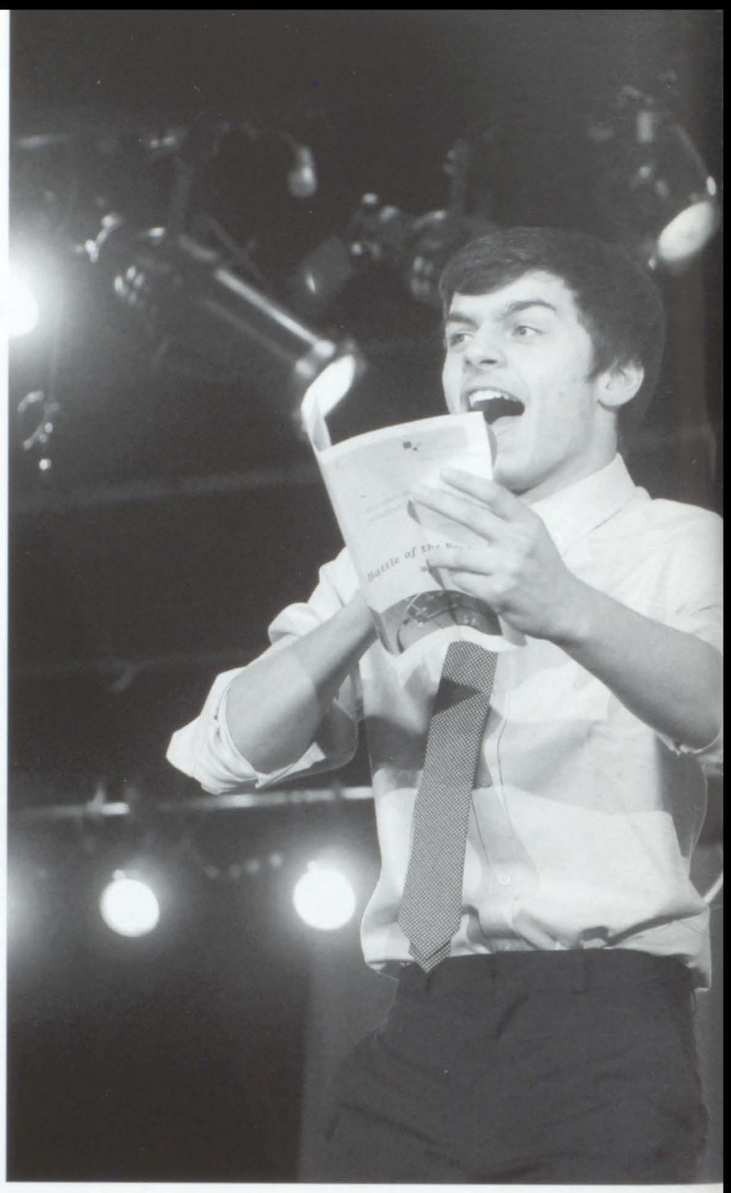
"We were really happy and excited that we were able to continue," Arielle Crowe, junior, said. "I kind of felt like a sense of 'I want to come back and show that we deserved more than what we got.'"

Before accepting the Wild Card, the team took several factors into consideration, including costs and extra level of work required for competition.

"(The Wild Card) added a drive," Jenson Huang, junior, said. "Basically, we had been granted this opportunity to prove ourselves again, especially knowing that we were so close to beating the other Indiana team."

The team participated in weekly practices as well as multiple dress rehearsals, which led to them placing tenth at Nationals.

"We won second at state, and we were the underdogs," Anna said. "Those mere eight points that put us in second were a blessing in disguise. It pushed us to work harder and harder."



AND THE WINNER IS As they excite the crowd, Student Government members Adam Kulam and Rohan Chatterjee, seniors, announce the winner of Battle of the Bands. "I liked to pump up the crowd for the upcoming acts," Adam

masquerade madness

Along with building floats for Homecoming, Junior CEC developed the Masquerade theme for Prom along with creating masks and centerpieces

A CINDERELLA STORY Holding the mask centerpieces, juniors Savannah Shaver and Maggie Anderson create decorations for Prom. "We all came up with a few different ideas, and we chose the one that we thought people would enjoy the most," Maggie said.

INSPIRATION WHEEL At a CEC meeting, juniors Maria Sirounis, Camryn Fary and Anisha Vavilala look through magazines for Prom theme ideas. "I think it was fun actually getting to choose the theme," Anisha said.

ready to testify

As they worked in units, We the People members participated in weekly practices to prepare for Districts, State and Nationals

SHOWING ARÊTE At a dress rehearsal, Unit Four members Austin Klawitter, junior, and Scott Farley, senior, prepare for Nationals. "Preparing for Nationals involved a great deal of research and a lot of speech writing and rewriting," Austin said. "What I liked most about preparing for Nationals was visiting the book publishing company Liberty Fund. We were able to engage in practice with some very prestigious individuals who enlightened us to many new ideas."

IN FOCUS Unit Three members Jai Dharla, senior, Sara Wilson, junior, George Jurincie, senior, and Journey Westfield, junior, prepare for State. "I would say the best part about (We the People) is being able to learn about government without feeling pressured to learn," Journey said.

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+Jessica Layous, 12
Civic virtue and classical republicanism."

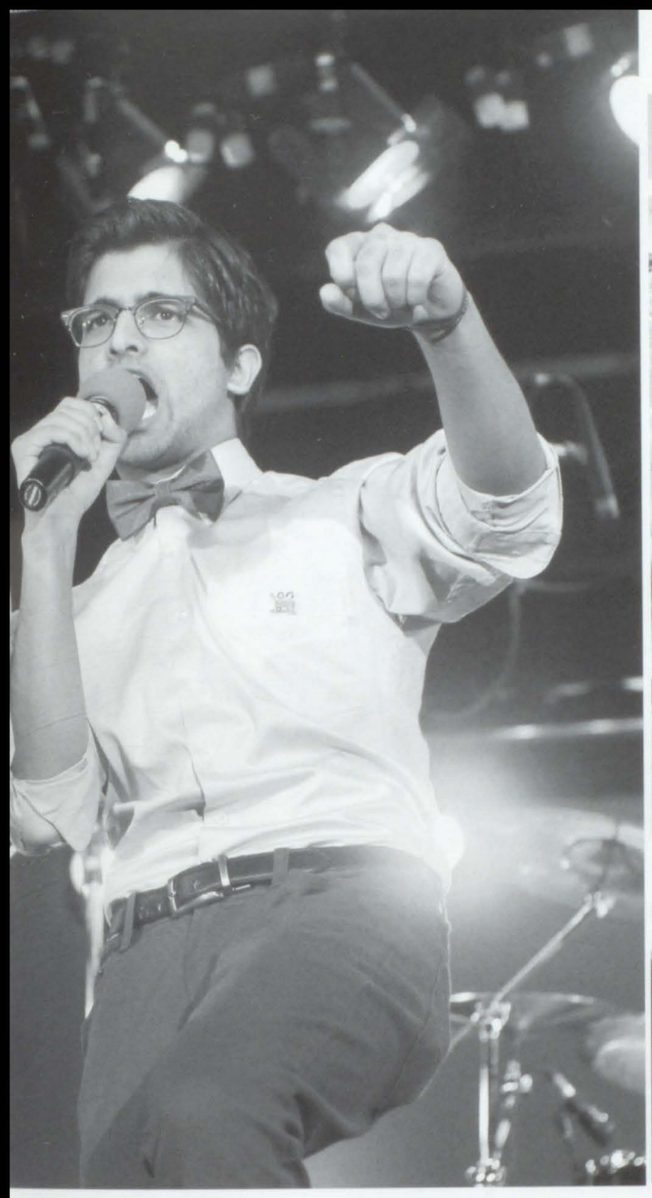
+Chloe Jancosek, 9
A lesson I learned from theater is to make friends very quickly."

+Alexandra Campbell, 9
Spanish club when we went to Pancho Pistola. I liked the fried ice cream because it was the first time I tried it, and it was really good."

+Isabel Garcia, 12
Hard work and dedication can pay off."

+Elias Diaz, 12
I've learned that in order for things to work, teamwork is needed."

+Gabrielle Ingoglia, 9
No matter what skill level you are, you have to rely on your team because through the ups and the downs of the season, they're the people you should always be able to count on."



young *leaders*

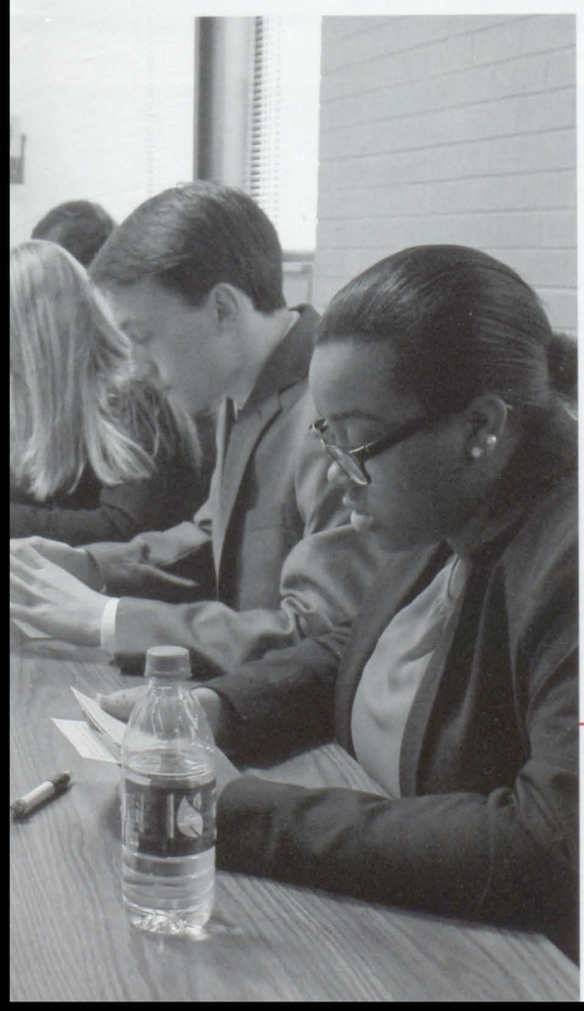
Throughout the year, Student Government members helped organize various events

+ Homecoming
+ Indiana Association of State Councils State Convention
+ Food Drive
+ Intramural Volleyball Tournament
+ Student-Faulty Basketball Game
+ Battle of the Bands
+ Blood Drive
+ Dance Marathon
+ Music Fridays
+ Wall decorations

Source: President Dan Green, senior

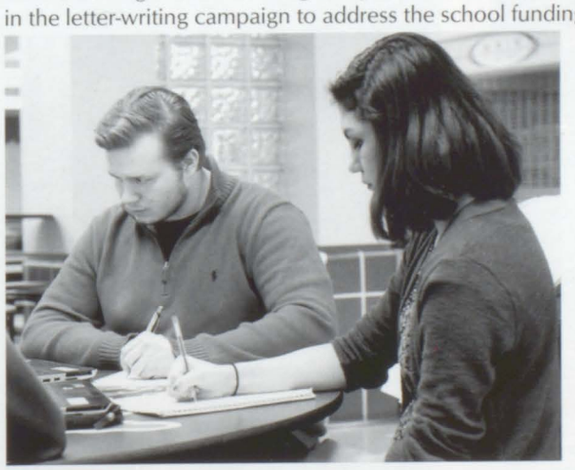
FOOD FOR THOUGHT Piling up cans of food, sophomores Mallory Grim and Melanie Mooney take part in the Student Government food drive. "Working the food drive was always a fun time, and it was for a great cause," Mallory said. "I consider myself lucky to get to work on it."

HEAD'S UP On the bus ride to the IASC State Convention, Rachel Kalbfell, sophomore, plays Heads Up with her fellow Student Government members. "We learned a lot about leadership at the convention, and I got to spend time with my fellow student Government representatives," Rachel said.



keeping a *civil* tongue

With the budget crisis affecting many clubs, sports, as well as academics, students took part in the letter-writing campaign to address the school funding issues to Indiana lawmakers



WHO: Student Government and Civics Club members

WHAT: As early as 2008, the School Town of Munster began falling into debt. The changing of the State funding formula added to this deficit, with each the district receiving less than $5,000 per student. In order to help alleviate the debt, students wrote to state representatives to inform them on how the funding issues affected their daily lives.

WHY: "We hoped that if we told them how much we cared about our school's situation then they would see from our perspective and possibly rethink the way they were treating public schools."
— Julia Torres, junior

Source: Julia Torres, junior

THE LETTER OF THE LAW As a part of Civics Club, juniors Lucas Newell and Julia Torres take part in the letter-writing campaign to help combat the budget issues. "We wanted to hopefully have our voices heard by writing letters directly to the people in power," Julia said. "We wanted to let them know that the decisions they were making were really affecting students and that the students wanted to have a say in it too."

Jonathan Neeley, 11
In theater, I learned how to be myself and not let anyone dictate the way I act."

James Han, 11
In theater, I learned how to be accepting."

Tara Layous, 9
Time management is key no matter what. If you can't manage your time in one thing, it's like a ripple effect, and you won't succeed in anything."

Liam Gallagher, 10
My favorite memory in a club is when my group and I got to build our own robot."

buddy up

Best Buddies offered several different level of memberships for students

Associate Member

Members attended the Best Buddies events and did not have a buddy match

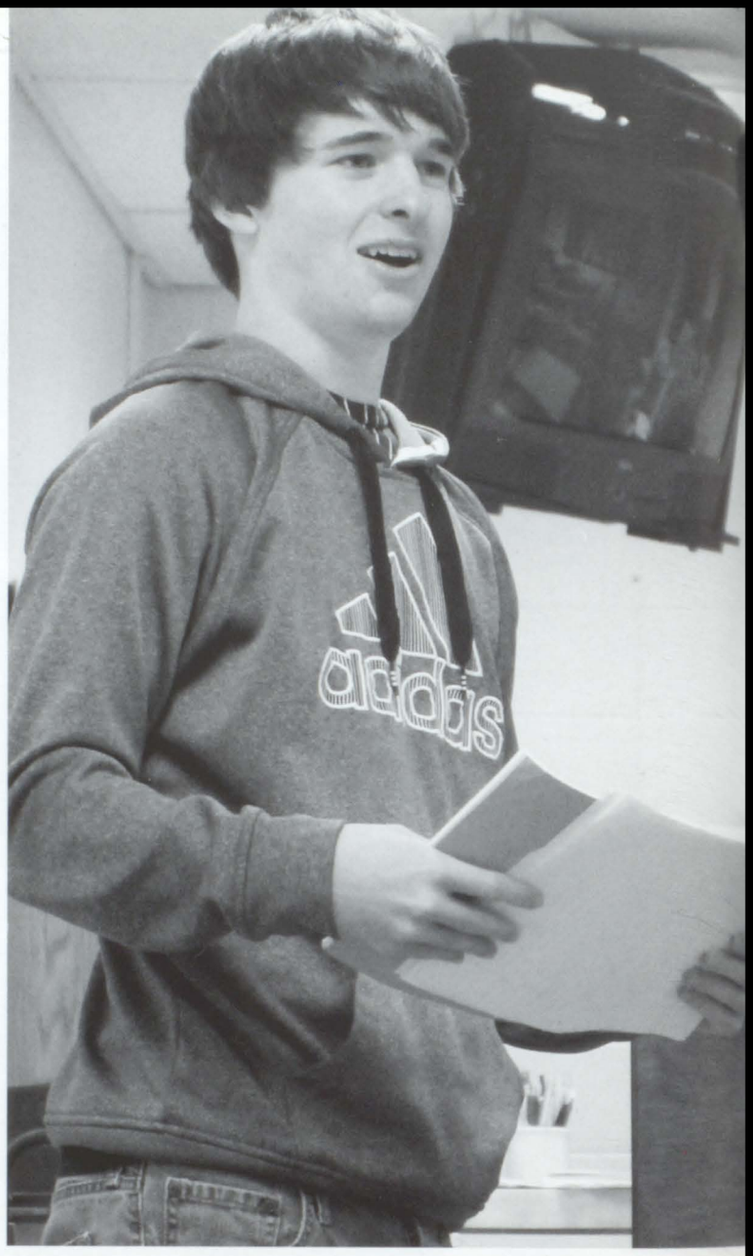
Buddy

Members with a physical or intellectual disability were matched with a year long friendship with a general education student

Peer Buddy

Members had a one-to-one friendship with a student with a disability. The pair saw each other at least twice per month and recorded the progress of their friendship

Source: Best Buddies Vice President Dana Handler, senior



PAINT THE TOWN Paint brush in hand, Jessica Flores, senior, paints a pumpkin at the Best Buddies Halloween party. "I wanted to join Best Buddies as an associate member because it looked fun," Jessica said. "It also looked like a good way to connect with the Buddies and the other members from the school without the big commitment of a peer buddy."

JUMP AROUND Brittany Barajas, senior, and Nicole Kohr, TAPP student, jump on a trampoline at Sky Zone for the Best Buddies January event. "Last year, I had the privilege of meeting Nicole for a few minutes at one of the Best Buddies event," Brittany said. "I decided to become a peer buddy this year because I wanted to spend more time with Nicole and get to know this stellar individual."

make *change*

Project X, a volunteer club, engaged in various activities throughout the year

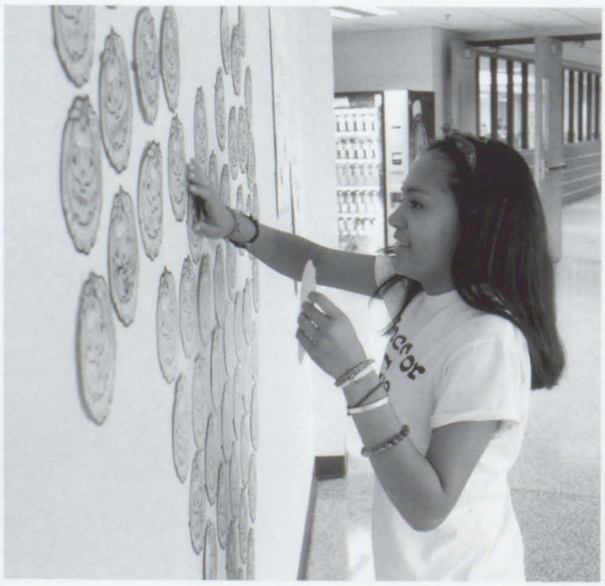
Pennies For Patients

Members put boxes in each teacher's classroom and asked for students to make donations with their spare change

Recycling

Every Wednesday members went to each teacher's classroom and took out their recycling

Source: Miranda Guerrero, senior



GREAT PUMPKIN Outside the cafeteria, Miranda Guerrero, senior, sells pumpkins for a Project X fundraiser. All money fundraised went to a Cystic Fibrosis (CF) charity. "I always helped out with Project X last year without actually being in it," Miranda said. "So Ms. (Leigh Ann) Westland (Project X sponsor) told me to join. I liked helping out with everything (for the CF pumpkins)."

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Zack Montes, 9
I learned how to eat in Spanish Club."

Ally Shinkan, 9
LAB (Dr. Larry A Brechner, theater director) tells me that (the) answer to every homework assignment ever is Marco Polo, every time he sees me doing homework in theater."

Nick Ochoa, 11
The most valuable thing I learned was (that) working with others makes everything easier and faster."

Heather Born, 11
My favorite memory has to be the Halloween party for Art Club, and I love going on field trips for it."

Naiomi Velasco, 11
From DECA, the most valuable thing I learned was how to DECA."

Alisha Gonsiorowski, 12
You can learn something new from everyone."

SERVING ALL
UNITED AS ONE

Certain clubs offered students the opportunity to not only help themselves, but to also meet and work to help others

Students silently listen as Garrett McShea, senior, retells his story of coming out to his mom.

After school Aug. 19, over 30 students sat in English teacher Ms. Peggy Matanic's classroom and attended the first call out meeting of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Garrett and Destiny Sabo, '14, spent the previous year working to start the organization.

"It was nice knowing that I was helping to create a place where people felt safe and open about themselves," Garrett said.

GSA's mission was to not only educate the school and community about homophobia, transphobia, gender identity and sexual identity issues, but to also provide an environment for students to feel safe discussing these topics, according to GSA President Jai Dharla, senior.

"The whole issues surrounding GSA were just something that was sort of dear to me," Jai said. "I just wanted to be part of something that helped people who needed support. I think GSA did a good job of bringing people who were looking for support together."

As a way to help out one another, members met with each other about twice per month, according to GSA Vice President Tim DeRolf, sophomore.

"Usually we just talked about different stories and pretty much we came closer together as a school and community," Tim said.

Jai hoped that the club will grow and do more activities. He believed the organization worked to make students feel comfortable about their sexuality.

"I think (Munster administration approving the formation of a GSA) was a step in the right direction," Jai said. "Munster itself was a little more on the conservative side and I thought that by having this club, it did show that people were a little more open minded."

FIRST IMPRESSION Legal pad in hand, Garrett McShea, senior, and Ms. Peggy Matanic, English teacher, talk to 30 other students at the Gay Straight Alliance call out. "I really liked the group," Garrett said. "I liked what it was about."

giving *back*

Clubs like NHS promoted positive decisions for individual students, and SADD helped the student body

ROCK THE VOTE iPhone in hand, SADD Leadership Team member Rachel Jamrose, senior, pledges to not text and drive. In October SADD worked with State Farm to promote a No Texting and Driving campaign. "I thought a lot of people, especially teenagers, didn't realize the magnitude of danger involved with texting and driving," Rachel said. "It was awesome to spread awareness."

SIGN ON THE LINE Holding her pen, Michale DeLong, junior, signs her name at the National Honors Society (NHS) induction. Juniors and seniors ranked in the top of their class were invited to join NHS. To be inducted, members had to show high academic standing and extracurricular involvement.

JUST KEEP PEDALING In the middle of the Environmental Club pack, Mrs. Cara Germann, science teacher, and Eleni Georgalas, junior, ride their bikes in the Homecoming parade. "We wanted to be in the parade, but we didn't want to have a car," Mrs. Germann said. "We felt that biking would be the most environmentally friendly way to participate in the parade."

Arielle Crowe, 11
The only way you'll get anything out of a club is if you put in work and genuinely enjoy what you're doing."

Saveda Majety, 10
The most valuable lesson I learned was how to manage and balance my time and working with other people."

Austin Klawitter, 11
I learned that hard work sometimes doesn't get you the results you want, but when you get a second chance, you can't take it for granted."

Amina Akernane, 10
The most valuable lesson I learned in a club, I would say probably is teamwork – to work together and base on each other."

Sierra Helton, 9
I remember in my first play in theater, I got to meet all kinds of fun people."

Dara Medina, 11
Being an officer for Spanish club has taught me to become more punctual with the things I have to do."

Jamie McDowell, 11
One lesson I learned from theater is to be kind to others."

operation Earth

Learning about the Earth, Envirothon competed with other schools by taking tests on their chosen events

Wildlife "I studied habitats, different environments, as well as different animal tracks. I really liked learning about the fact that there are over 10 different habitats alone in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. From praiie to marsh and a host of beach environments. It was all really cool to learn about."
Rainy Herakovich, senior

Equatics "I studied aquatic ecosystem, which was about the interaction of aquactic organisms and pollution. We competed in the Regional Envirothon Competition at Red Mill State Park. As a team we got second place."
Jake Opat, senior

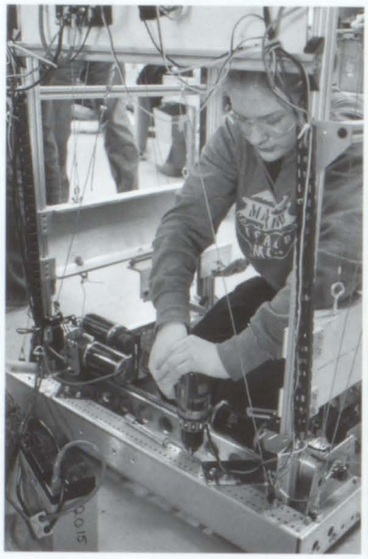
Forestry "I mostly studied about how to keep a forest healthy and about trees themselves. My favorite thing to learn about was how to identify common trees in the area."
Cat Oesterle, senior

Soil "I studied everything about soil: the taxonomy, the horizons, soil erosion and the different types of soils along with many other things. It allowed me to be more appreciative of what soil does for us."
Emily Hammermeister, senior

Urban Forestry "I mainly studied Indiana's urban forests, which is just what they sound like, trees in urban areas. I studied the problems with our urban forests, such as invasive species. I really enjoyed learning about the solutions to our problems with urban forests and making new friends in envirthon."
Sean O'Brien, junior

CUTTING EDGE Cutting a piece of plastic, Julian Ramirez, sophomore, works with Gavin Tienstra, senior, on building a battery charging station. "(My favorite part) is working together with the club and knowing you built it from scratch together," Julian said.

PUZZLE PIECES Continuing to make items for the battery, Laura Weller, freshman, works on a battery compartment. "I joined robotics because I like to build things, and it seemed like a great way to meet new people," Laura said.



following *HOSA*

After making it through the year, HOSA calls it quits due to complications

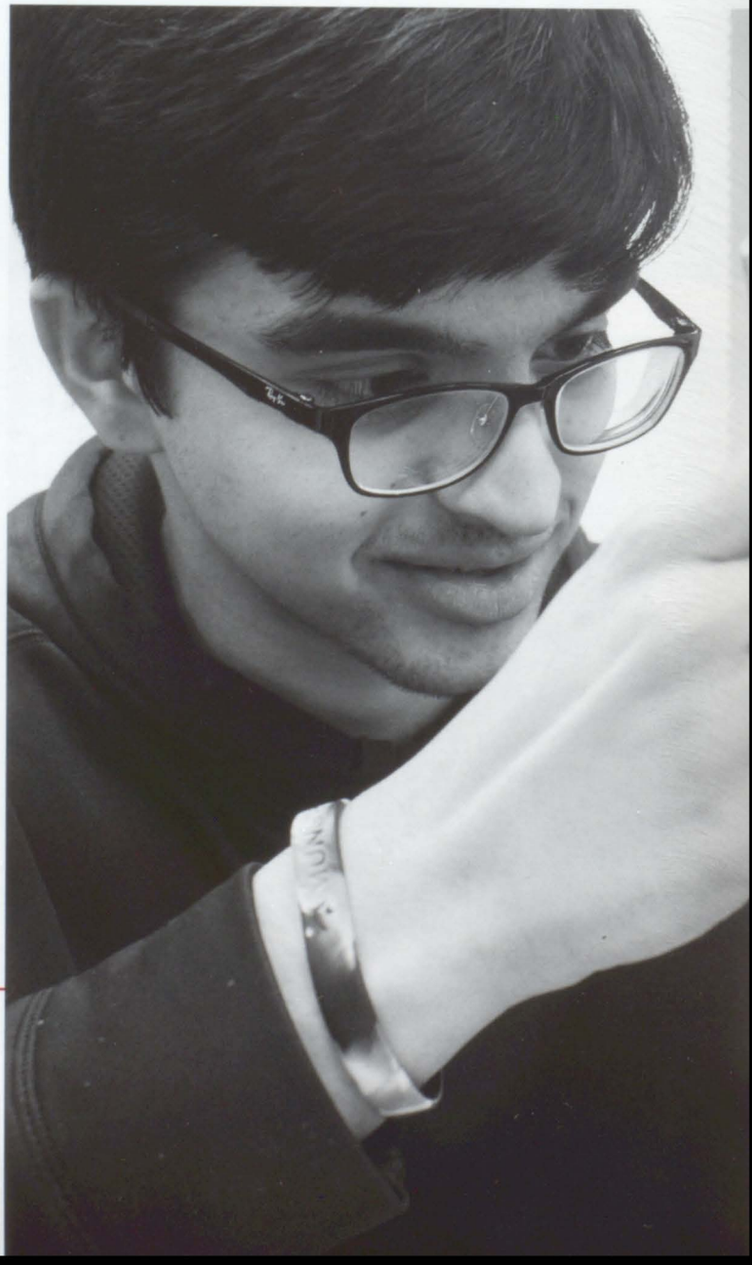
1. In the beginning of the school year, science teachers Mrs. Jackie Gasca and Ms. Samantha Lang had a call-out meeting for the club Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

2. Throughout the winter, HOSA met only a few times to discuss and study for the district tournament. For them, districts were cancelled and the team automatically moved on to State.

3. As the date of State came closer, students took to their computers to study their material. Many found online resources, such as *Quizlet*, where they could study the vocabulary.

4. Unexpectedly, members were informed that the paperwork was not filled out by the school board, so they could not go to State, and the club would not be guaranteed next year.

FORWARD THINKING Asking Ms. Samantha Lang, science teacher, questions about the club, Dylan Goodman, sophomore, and Saptarshi Chakraborty, senior, and hoped to get insight on what the club's potential. "I wanted a career that had to do with biology," Dillon said. "I heard about HOSA and thought it would be a great way to further my knowledge and get ahead in the field."



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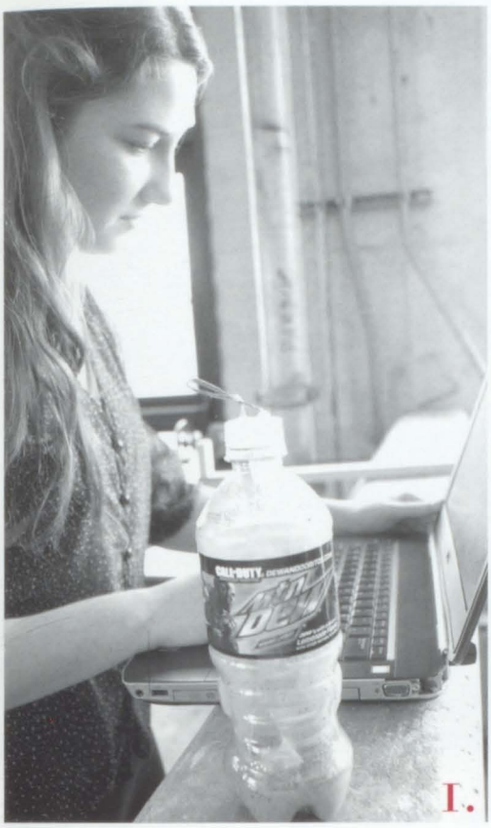
Sarah Gandarilla, 9
The most valuable lesson I've learned is teamwork, because without it, your team cannot excel."

Easan Venkat, 9
In all clubs I have been in, perseverance and practice always seemed to make the biggest difference."

Safa Chowdhury, 10
It's important not to bite off more than you can chew, and it's okay to ask for help."

garage games

Practicing their event at Purdue Calumet University, Science Olympiad members measured out how far a mass could travel

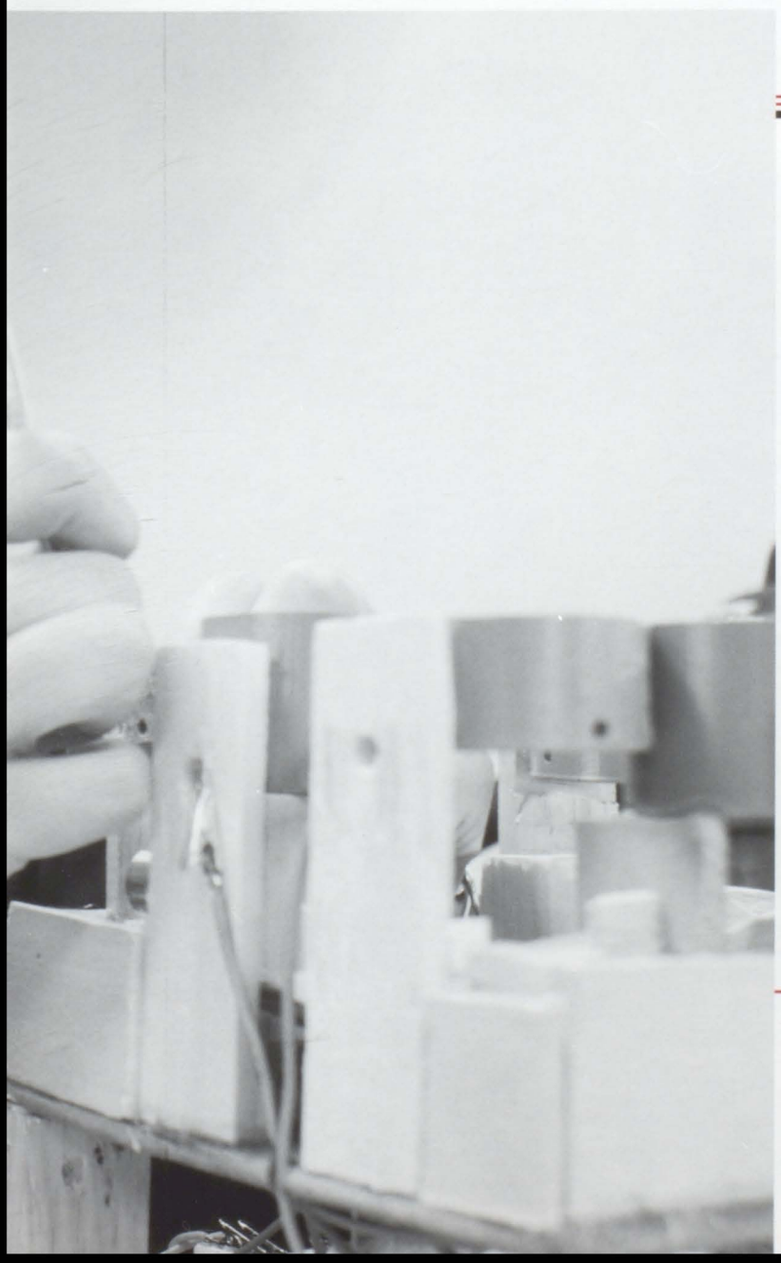


1. Calculating the length of an unstretched cord, Emma Hand, freshman, found how far the cord would go when a mass was attached to the end of the cord.

2. Setting up the cord, Daniel Soeka, junior, prepared to drop the mass that was previously calculated. As the mass dropped, students sat at the bottom recording how far the mass dropped.

3. Recording her findings on her phone, Hayley Kwasniewski, senior, was looking for the distance the mass went once dropped.

4. Once the mass was dropped, Hayley Kwasniewski, senior, checked to make sure the recording matched the tape measure.



BREAKING THE STANDARDS

In preparation for Nationals, Science Olympiad studied their events and also conducted multiple experiments

After countless hours studying, Science Olympiad began their preparation for Nationals only days after coming home from Indiana University.

The team placed first at State, which set the overall record of 61. With a lot of excitement and hope, the teammates looked to one another to study for their events in order to prepare for what lies ahead.

"There was a lot of studying that we had to do," Hayley Kwasniewski, senior, said. "For one of my events, protein modeling, I would go to my teammates that were also in that event and we would just talk about the proteins and learn from each other."

The team had a lot to look forward to once they made their long eight hour bus journey to University of Nebraska.

"My favorite part about competitions was the award ceremonies," Cayla Bales, senior, said. "Everyone was excited to see where they placed."

The countless hours of studying paid off in the end when the team received sixth in the nation. Along with the overall place of sixth, there were numerous individual students who received high ranks as well.

"It was a culmination of all the hard work that we put in over many years," Taylor Merkel, senior, said.

GOING FOR GOLDBERG Working with his invention that transports a golf ball, Harsh Jhaveri, junior, fixes his invention while at Science Olympiad practice. "I was building a device for Mission Possible," Harsh said. "The purpose was to build a Rube Goldberg machine on steroids."

+Lucas Newell, 11
There are two rules for success: 1. Never reveal everything you know."

+Aditya Mishra, 11
Knowledge is the difference between complaining and civil discourse."

+Michael Madura, 10
If you put in the work, it will pay off.

face the *music*

Performing up to 30 times a year, choir members had to remember the different key rules of reading music

SHARP SIGN
+ raises the pitch of a note

FLAT SIGN
+ lowers the pitch of a note

EIGHTH NOTE
+ used to tell how long a note is held out; equal to the value of one-eighth of a whole note

QUARTER NOTE
+ equal to the value of two eighth notes

HALF NOTE
+ equal to the value of two quarter notes

WHOLE NOTE
+ equal to the value of two half notes

SING ALONG As they watch their conductor Mr. William Woods, choir director, sophomores Stacey Cross and Kristen Chavez, seniors Kendra Williams and Michelle Fies, Angelica Small, junior, Hannah Ernst, sophomore, and Amy McDunn, junior, perform during the winter choir concert.

MUSICAL STARES Singing with their fellow choir members, Paige Mecyssine, sophomore, Casey Terry, senior, and Antoine Van Dyke, junior, rehearse before a choir concert. "I think doing a concert with the same songs we did for contest helped give us the mentality of performing these songs in front of people who weren't in the choir," Casey said.

ALL ABOUT THAT BASS Practicing during Orchestra, freshmen Melina Banaszak and Andrew Rapata prepare for an upcoming concert. "I chose to do orchestra because in third grade I went to the 'choose your instrument day' and Andrew Dorn (senior) was demonstrating bass," Andrew said. "He played 'Iron Man' by Black Sabbath, and I knew immediately I wanted to be like that."

MUSIC TO THE EARS As she focuses on her music, Lauryn Nunez, freshman, plays her violin during Orchestra. "My favorite part about being in orchestra was the friendships you made with the members and how close you became to them," Lauryn said.

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+ Caia Trykall, 10
The most valuable lesson I've learned in a club was how much hard work and dedication paid off in the end."

+ Avi Patel, 11
I was in Science Olympiad and my favorite part was spending time with people that have similar interests to me."

band together

From hours of practice to receiving sixth at State Finals, band members worked together, trying to achieve a similar goal at State

TOOT YOUR OWN HORN Trombone in hand, Sean Hasse, senior, practices during Marching Band. "Getting sixth place at State was gratifying," Sean said. "All the practice was worth it."

FLAG DAY During a half time performance, Amanda Reyes, sophomore, and Arianne Sadural, WWMS student, twirl their flags as part of Color Guard. "I was really happy that the band got sixth place because that meant that we were two places higher than the previous year which was very exciting," Amanda said.

DRUMMER BOY Performing at halftime at a football game, John Karamichos, junior, watches his fellow band members as they play.

PLAYING TO A DIFFERENT BEAT

From orchestra to band to choir, students had numerous opportunities to take part in many music-oriented activities

Sun beating overhead, sweat dripping from their faces, short and sock tan lines beginning to form, hours upon hours of music being played. All of these signify the start of one of Band's strongest traditions—band camp. These long hours of constant practice paid off, however, when the band received sixth place at the State Marching Band competition, the highest they have ever placed in school history.

"(Receiving sixth) made me feel proud, like a Mustang," Adam Kulam, senior, said. "It felt good to know that we bumped heads with people who have been doing this for 20 or 30 years."

After receiving eighth place the year prior, band members did not know what to expect.

"When they called another band for eighth place, I was somewhat relieved," Sean Hasse, senior, said. "It was an immense improvement and a really proud moment for me."

However, many Marching Band seniors had bittersweet feelings with their State run.

"It was definitely bittersweet," Adam said. "I was really glad we got sixth, but it was sad because it was my last competition, my last performance, and I knew I would miss it a lot."

As the Marching Band season came to a close, many band members looked forward to Concert Band season.

"When you do well at State Finals for Marching, you go into Concert Band season with high expectations," Elliott Fus, sophomore, said. "Last year, we didn't make it to State Finals for Concert Band, so this year, we hope to avenge ourselves."

+ **Veronica Bilek, 9**
Pub is not a club; it's a lifestyle."

+ **Cat Oesterle, 12**
Showing up is more important than having actual skill when it comes to band."

+ **Max Baker, 12**
My favorite memory for a club or sport would be when I was in Pub and I had to lip sync Ke$ha's "Take it Off" for a McDonald's gift card."

REACHING A GOAL

We did not have to show up for off-season training. We did not have to practice overtime the day before a game. We did not have to continue and push each other when we were down.

We just had to play the game.

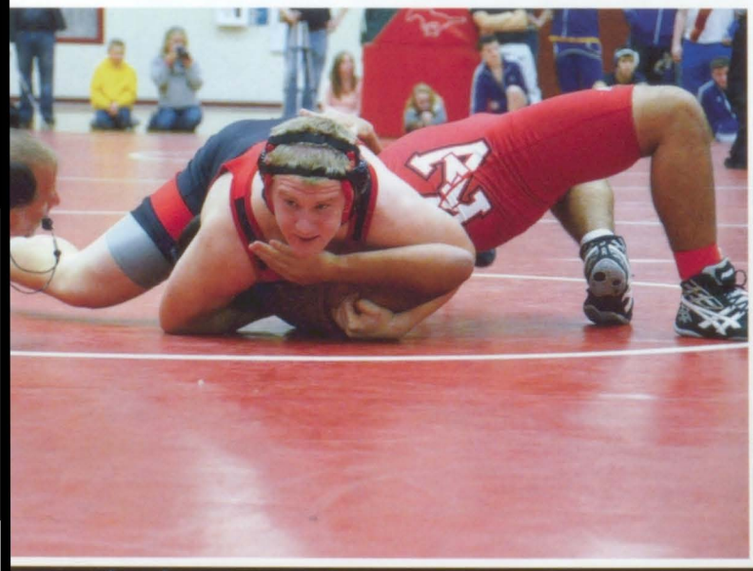
Whether we warmed up without the football field lights or waited for someone to open up the gym for a Saturday practice, we did not stop practicing. We came all this way together, and saw it through to the end, together. We didn't need a big student section to cheer us on, as long as we had our closest friends shouting to us that we couldn't give up, we wouldn't give up. It started with playing as a team, a family. It started with pushing one another to play our best.

It started with reaching a goal.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

- As the Boys' Cross Country season ended, we kept the title as the Region's best and went on to compete in the State finals. We conquered each meet. Our accomplishments and perseverance pushed the team to place third at State.

- We motivated our players, our student section and everyone else at the game to cheer on a win. We tried out before any other team and cheered on through two seasons, while others only played for one. We made it through the hardships of the extra practices. We continued to redo and perfect our routine to make history by being the first Cheer team to make it to State and place sixth.



"What's your favorite memory at a sports game?"

Paragon asked, and you answered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

THE TAKE DOWN Pinning his Kankakee Valley opponent down, Joe Kennedy, junior, works for the points he and the team need. "With it (wrestling) being a man-on-man sport, there's no excuses or time-outs," Kennedy said. "There will only be one winner at the end of the match."

RACQUET POWER Striking the ball, Patrick Toth, senior, focuses on how to defeat his opponents weaknesses. "After serving the ball, I think about what my next strategy will be," Toth said. "I don't focus on what my opponent thinks about but how I can bring out his weaknesses."

THE LAST STRETCH Coming up on end of a 5K, Mallory Grim, sophomore, pushes herself through the rest of her race at Lake Central. "It was a really hot day, and I was very motivated to finish the race," Grim said. "I pushed myself to the best of my ability."

WING IT Mind in the race, Sophia Zavala, sophomore, concentrates on beating her time from previous swim meets. "I am always thinking about how I can do better," Zavala said. "After a race, I will always ask what I can improve on for my next event."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT The day before leaving for the Argos tournament, Maria Sirounis, junior, and her team made last minute adjustments at their practice. "It's the last changce to perfect your skills and learn the plays," Sirounis said. "I made sure to focus and always try my best."

Dillon Pierie, 12
My favorite memory of the year was partying with all of my teammates after we beat Lake Central on Burial Grounds."

Alainna Carey, 9
My favorite memory at a sports game was when we won Homecoming because we haven't won in a couple of years."

Micah Flahaven, 9
My favorite memory was during the JV Soccer season when, in our last game, we made a last-minute goal to end the season undefeated."

Kevin Spork, 12
The freshman year Homecoming game was my favorite memory because I got to know a lot of people that I hung out with."

Natalie Klys, 12
My favorite memory has to be any of the football games. It's great having everyone together cheering and having such great school spirit."

MAKING A STATEMENT

After a tough season, Boys' Cross Country ranked third at State, and as a result, broke two school records

THE SEVERAL WEEKS OF INTENSE PRACTICES AND MEETS PAID OFF when the Boys' Cross Country team could celebrate ranking the highest they ever had at State. The boys ranked 3rd out of 24 schools.

"We all worked really hard to get there, and I hope we can have the same success next year," Ryan Kritzer, senior, said.

The team held extra practices and workout sessions to help work towards success at State.

"This has been the hardest season I've ever had in four years, but it was the most rewarding," Brian Banach, senior, said. "I was just excited about (state), I'm excited for our team."

Kritzer, a top runner at the event, also broke the school's 5K record.

> "It feels great to be part of history at the school for the team and to have the 5k record."
> **Ryan Kritzer, senior**

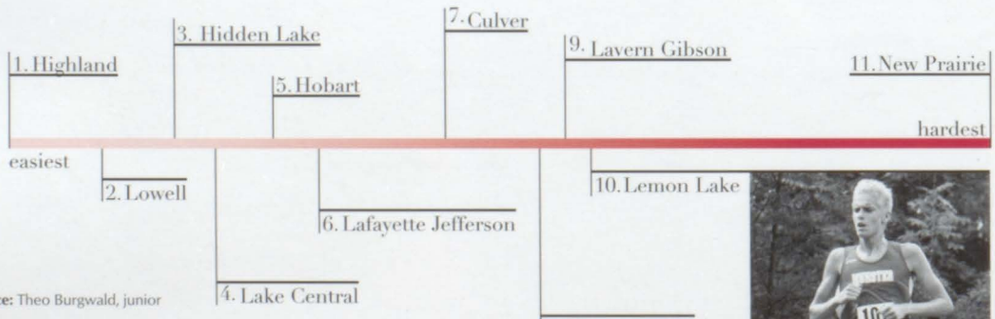
The entire team felt proud of the season's accomplishments.

"I've been hearing this a lot recently, but there's a saying that goes something like being a family is great, but winning with your family is even better," Theo Burgwald, junior, said.

DON'T LOOK BACK In the final stretch, Scott Farley, senior, and juniors Theo Burgwald and Tyler Keslin approach the finish line at Sectionals. "The biggest thing was don't look at the guys behind you so they thought you were going strong," Farley said.

Leveling up

The boys ran on a variety of courses throughout their season, each one a challenge with a distinct level of difficulty



Source: Theo Burgwald, junior

PACE BY PACE Pacing himself, Theo Burgwald, junior, runs at the Crown Point invite. "While I was running, my head kind of went blank," Burgwald said. "During the race, I just tried to pick out uniforms from schools that I knew and I tried to stay with them as long as I could."

ON YOUR MARK Anticipating the starter pistol, the team waits for the meet to start at ready position. "(While I waited for the pistol), I took a bunch of deep breaths, I had to calm the nerves," Manny Lopez, senior, said.

Saveda Majety, 10

My favorite memory was after the Girls' Soccer team's game against LC. We expected to lose but tied, which was a big accomplishment."

Haleigh Grownold, 9

I love going to see the Blackhawks play. At the United Center. The feeling when they score is exhilarating, and the building turns into a madhouse of mutual excitement!"

Jordan Dixon, 12

(My favorite memory was) the moment when the clock ran out and we beat Lake Central in Football."

Running on *puns*

To keep practices and meets light, the boys came up with a variety of puns related to their sport

"Dang, guys, they're really *running us* into the ground."

"We're the only team at the school that *goes the extra mile*."

"We tend to have a *leg up* on the other teams at meets."

"I think we got off on the *wrong foot*."

Source: Brian Banach, senior

COOLDOWN KIDS Resting after a tough Sectionals meet, Jimmy Murphy, senior, and Isaac Gutierrez, sophomore, discuss the results of the day. "(After meets) was a nice time to sit and just talk about how everything went," Murphy said. "It was when we'd decide what to work on for next time."

IT'S A STRETCH Using the fence as an anchor, Ryan Kritzer, senior, stretches before running at Highland. "Stretching was important so you didn't get injured, and we did the same stretches for both practices and meets," Kritzer said. "A lot of problems could be caused from running without stretching. We tried to do a lot of workouts with joints, like hip joints, too, because they got worn."

DON'T STOP NOW Halfway to the finish, seniors Manny Lopez and Theo Burgwald run during the Highland invitational meet. "While I was running, I kind of picked a point and just ran towards it," Lopez said. "It helped me pace and keep a comfortable speed all the way to the finish. Running next to teammates helped, too. If we were all at about the same point it was kind of reassuring, like I knew we were all doing well."

Head in the *game*

The team shared supportive words before every meet

HUDDLE UP Circling up before they run, the team shares supportive words before racing at Crown Point. "(What we said) would just be little stuff, like, 'We've practiced really hard, we can do this, you'll be great out there,'" Ian Frantal, sophomore, said. "It wasn't much, but it always went a long way."

"(The huddle) differed from race to race; it was usually just a pep talk from the captain that got me ready to run. It didn't really affect my performance, but it put me in a good mind-set and shook the nerves off."

Isaac Gutierrez, sophomore

"(While huddling) we reminded each other of racing strategies, but it was also a pep talk to really get our morale up for the race. It promoted team unity and gave us a good reason to try our best, like, we had to do it for the team."

Tyler Keslin, junior

Morgan Lagestee, 11
(My favorite memory was) when I went to support my friend at Sectionals for volleyball and they won"

Olivia Kindt, 10
My favorite memory from a sports event was getting to play in goal for pass against Griffith. I twas so great because after I saved one of the shots, we had won and the feeling was just so great."

John Groen, 9
My favorite memory from a sports game was winning the peewee championship for our division in hockey."

Samantha Zaborowski, 10
My favorite memory in a sport would have to be on the way back from winning the JV softball tournament, last year. We all on the way home jammed to music in the bus and had a fantastic time."

RUNNING TO VICTORY

Girls' Cross Country reflected on what led up to winning the Conference meet for the first time in five years

COLD TEMPERATURES, EMOTIONAL HUGS, and a sense of triumph—elements Erin Harvath, senior, recalled from winning the Conference meet.

> "It was the first time in a long time. It was awesome getting the plaque and seeing our Varsity girls in the top 20."
>
> **Erin Harvath, senior**

The Cross-Country team took the Conference title for the first time in six years. Coaches Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, and Richard Sluder, social studies teacher, brought different training styles along with workouts that helped the team gain that victory.

"We started seriously training early," Harvath said. "Coach Nolan came in and started incorporating hard workouts with long runs in July when the season doesn't start until August, it really helped."

The intense workouts and a blend of strong runners allowed a victory, which provided a "mood-boost" for the runners as they continued their season.

"The Conference meet was definitely a turning point because by winning the Conference title," Barajas said. "I think it gave us the confidence to go into the post-season and to strive for better times and places."

Many runners achieved personal records, and the team continued the season with a positive outlook, according to Harvath.

HEAD IN THE GAME As she rounds the corner of the course, Emily Johnson, junior, maintains her determined mind set and pushes to finish the Regional meet. "'Determination defeats all' is a quote that I often say to myself to stay focused and inspired while running," Johnson said.

Sprinting *spirits*

To pump themselves for upcoming meets, the girls wore unique costumes each day for Spirit Week

Monday + Character Day
"I wore a Tweety Bird shirt and my favorite part was seeing everyone running in their costumes."
Gabrielle Ramirez, sophomore

Tuesday + Tree Day
"Dressing up like trees seemed like such a unique spirit day, so I decided we should give it a shot. We all laughed at the sight of our teammates wearing twigs and leaves in their hair."
Brittany Barajas, senior

Wednesday + Twin Day
"There is always one person in the team that you enjoy running with, so it was so much fun running with your twin and seeing your other friends wearing really funny costumes."
Elena Perala, junior

Thursday + '80s Day/Guy Day
"I'd say my favorite part were the pictures, we took many. There was so much '80s music playing from my phone."
Miranda Guerrero, senior

Friday + Princess Day
I dressed up just as a regular princess. I wore all pink with a crown and little wand from the dollar store."
Isabel Nieves, sophomore

SWITCHING IT UP Posing for a picture, juniors Maggie Anderson and Claire Svoboda participate in Spirit Week's "Guy Day." "We were just flexing our muscles like typical guys," Anderson said.

GET LOOSE Preparing for the sectional race, Mallory Grim, sophomore, gets focused while stretching. "I mentally prepared to race well with my team," Grim said.

TIME FOR A COOL DOWN Upon crossing the finish line, Emily Johnson, junior, feels the effects of the intense temperatures. "It felt like heat exhaustion began to take over me," Johnson said.

Alyssa Comer, 12
My favorite memory was selling glow sticks and food at the Homecoming game for robotics." club."

Emily Zellinger, 10
My favorite memory at/in a sports game was when I was cheering for the Munster vs. LC game and we won. It felt good winning the first varsity game I cheered for."

Michael Miles, 9
My favorite memory at a sports game was at a Munster Mustangs Hockey game. I was with my friends cheering on our varsity team. We were screaming and cheering and played hockey outside the rink."

Domeneque Geron, 12
My favorite memory at a sports game was definitely seeing my little brother play in the marching band for the first time. It was just really amazing to see my little brother, now a sophomore, be part of something epic."

Abigail Kapitan, 11
My favorite memory in a sports game was when I almost won the track meet at Penn High School last year. The other girls were really good, but I had just thrown my career best. It was on the last throw of the meet that the girls who threw before me both beat out of first, but I wasn't all that concerned since I had just thrown further than I ever had before."

RELAXING RACE Filled with emotion, junior Maggie Anderson and Mackenzie Peirick shared an embrace after the Sectional meet. "All seven of us placed in the top 20," Anderson said.

GAME DAY STRATEGY Before the meet, Kathleen Gonzales, senior, and Coach Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, discussed strategies at the Highland meet. "She was doing what a coach should do," Gonzales said.

Record *races*

The runners kept an eye on the clock and their watches to not only keep their place, but to also push themselves to getting desired times

WATCHING THE CLOCK Checking her watch, Maggie Anderson, junior, strives to achieve her goal time at the Highland meet. "I was motivated to get under 22 minutes," Anderson said.

BREAKING THE PERSONAL RECORD Using her competition as motivation, Melanie Mooney, sophomore, pushed herself to achieve a personal record at the sectional meet. "I gave it all I had and managed to get my best time," Mooney said.

Top 5 Season Times

1st 20:07
+Mackenzie Peirick, junior

2nd 20:14
+ Melanie Mooney, sophomore

3rd 20:40
+ Brittany Barajas, senior

4th 21:07
+ Kaylee Galvan, freshman

5th 21:08
+ Maggie Anderson, junior

Cody Phillips, 9
I hit the cycle for the Thunderbolts Baseball Team."

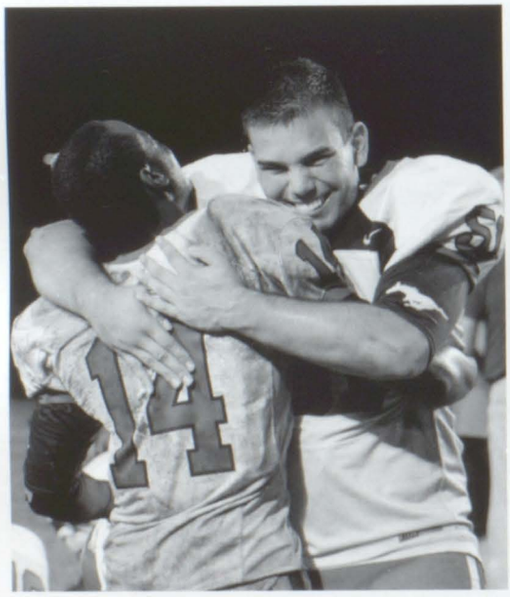
Tim Chavez, 12
(My favorite memory was) winning conference in track junior year. We were underdogs going in but ended up upsetting Hobart for the title."

David Ortega, 11
When we took Highland to penalties last year after double overtime to win a big Conference game."

Vivian Reba, 11
(The LC game) was actually the first football game I genuinely enjoyed; seeing everyone dressed in togas and chanting together was an awesome experience. Everyone screaming and cheering was something I will definitely not forget.."

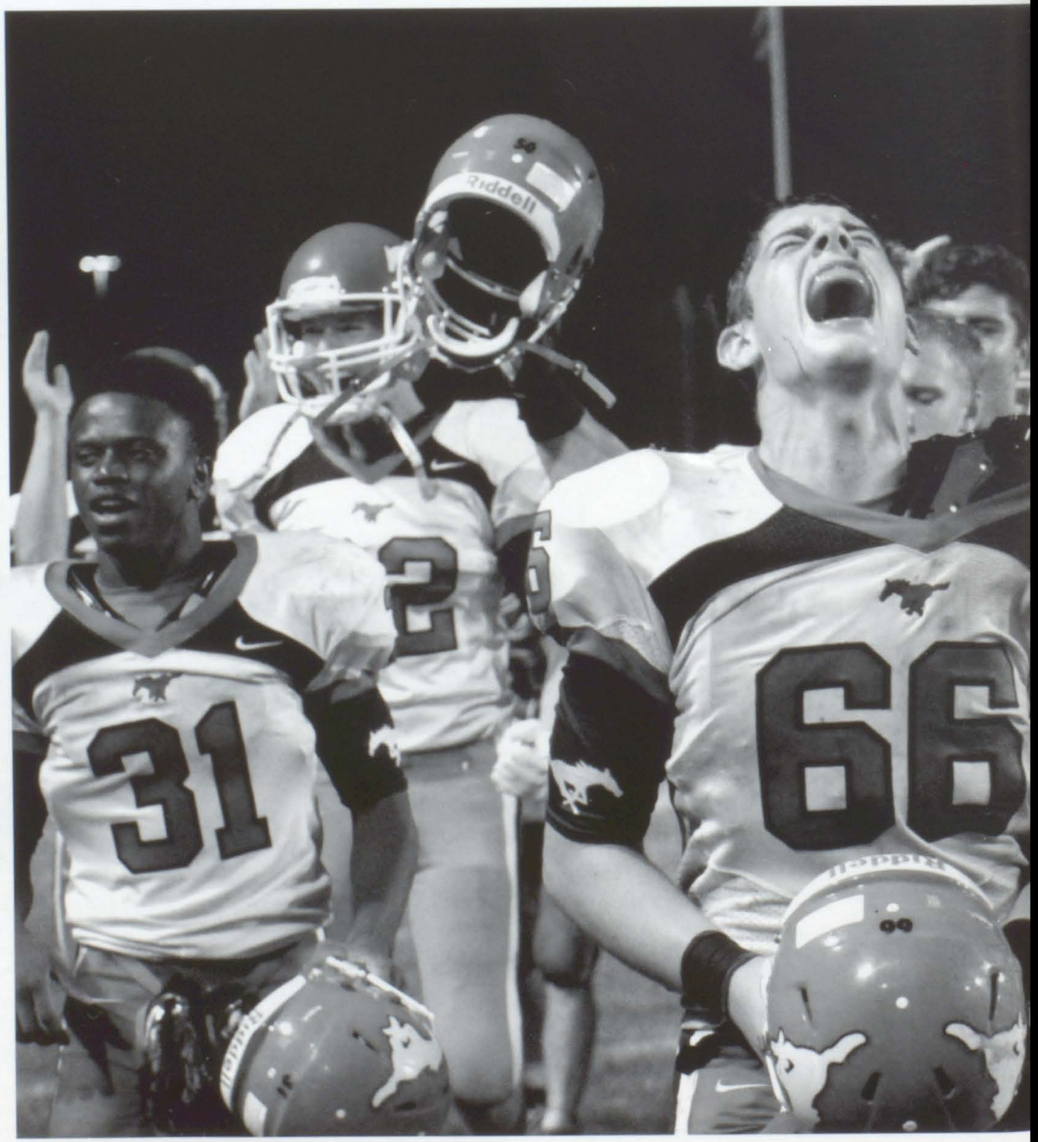
QUICK SCORE Football in hand, Jeff Proctor (31), junior, runs away from Chesterton and towards the endzone. "I was a running back and I thought I did good," Proctor said. "I made some good plays. As a team we did good, we had a good season."

LINE OF FOCUS On the line of scrimmage, juniors Logan Armagast (81) Jordan Cistola (68), and seniors Jordan Dixon (57) and Tyler Steapleton (66) prepare to run the ball against Andrean. "They were the hardest opponent we were going to face all season," Dixon said. "We had to have a really good game plan to go against them. We did really well, but we didn't win."



ENDING CHEER After winning their first game of the season against Lake Central, seniors Lawrence Gaines (14) and Dillon Pierie (51) hug each other. "There's nothing better than playing with your best friends in front of your school," Pierie said. "That game was easily the most fun I've had playing football, considering the fact that we beat Lake Central in such a dramatic fashion."

SCREAM OF RELIEF With a final score of 24–21, football players such as Tyler Steapleton (66), senior, celebrate their victory against Lake Central (LC). "It was one of the greatest feelings I've ever had playing sports," Steapleton said. "It was because we weren't really supposed to have a great team this year, so beating them (LC) was a pretty amazing feeling."



Taylor Kotzo, 12
Freshman year, when we played Andrean in basketball at home, and during halftime, Luke Nossem ('12) dressed up as a bishop and we all bowed down to him and he ran up and down the bleachers throwing 'holy water' on us."

Allison Dinh, 11
Back in my freshman year when the Girls' Tennis team defeated Highland at Sectionals 5-0. It was pretty exciting."

Thalia Chioros, 9
At the Chicago Blackhawks (game) when my favorite hockey player, Jonathan Toews, scored another goal after his first one was disallowed."

Leann Dorabialski, 10
When it was very cold one night and we bought hot chocolate from the concession stands. I made some new friends that night and I will never forget how much fun we had even when it was freezing cold!"

Rachel Jamrose, 12
Last year when the student section bought a bunch of bottles of baby powder at a football game and threw it up in the air at kickoff. It was really fun to be a huge, white cloud of baby powder cheering at the game."

Man in *charge*

Senior players describe their time during season with Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher

Determined Classy Caring
Moving Positive **Creative**

Sources: Seniors Patrick Burke, Matt Childs, Nick Fromm and Tyler Steapleton

HUDDLE UP Once any game ended, the boys met on the field and listened to closing game remarks by Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher. "After we shook hands (with opponents) we went around and we all got on our knees and Coach Marsh talked to us," Matt Childs (12), senior, said. "He would just talk about the game and what we did good and what we did bad."

CLOSE CALL Standing along Andrean's sidelines, Coaches Leroy Marsh, health teacher, and James Grunewald, physical education teacher, and Patrick Burke (17), senior, listen for a referee's call. "Anything he (Coach Marsh) could teach you was valuable," Burke said. "It was not about winning, it was about getting the players prepared for life. I look up to him."

READY OR NOT

The boys adopted a new strategy when facing rival, Andrean 59er's

AT ANDREAN'S FIELD LIGHTS magnify the cold raindrops that fall on to the Mustang's helmets. It was the second quarter. It was cold. It was a close game.

Leading against the 59ers, captain Jacob Helmer, senior, recovers a block field goal. The Niner's were catching up.

> "I talked to my coach about what they saw and what I saw on the field."
> **Adam Ostoich, senior**

Ostoich cheered his team on from the sidelines when he was off the field.

"We were prepared to win and we were confident," Helmer said.

Leading up to the important game, the Mustangs practiced harder and stronger, according to Helmer.

"He (Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher) said to come out fast and play with more energy," Helmer said.

In the fourth quarter, Andrean matched the score, ending the game 24-20.

"We had it in the bag and we stopped playing," Helmer said. "We just had to work harder to bounce back."

The Mustangs took that loss as a check to gain the strength and motivation to push further in the following games.

"Coach Marsh said, 'we will be fine,'" Helmer said.

Greg Kocal, 10
During the MHS vs. Andrean JV football game, we won with one touchdown with a crazy play we had never used before."

Toni DalleCarbonare, 12
My favorite memory was when we played LC in football at the beginning of the year and the whole student section wore togas."

Adam Kulam, 12
When Jason Crary (sophomore) wrestled Garrett Pepple and defeated him with a last second take down."

Dean Svolos, 12
My favorite memory in a sports game was winning Sectionals my senior year and keeping the streak going."

Emily Johnson, 11
After the girls' soccer game ended with their Sectional, we (the girls' soccer team) all stayed after to support the boys' soccer team. It was very intense. Munster ended up winning, and people still stayed back to congratulate the team in the pouring rain."

COACHING CRITIQUE From the sidelines, Coach Bill Smitka, history teacher, watches his players. "We had a good year." Smitka said. "We won Conference, but we did fall a bit short with getting to State. But I think the team did really well this year."

IN FULL SWING Following through on her swing, Nicole Howard, sophomore, concentrates. "At the Sandy Pines course, I shot my lowest score there, which made the course even more memorable," Howard said.

EYE ON THE PRIZE As she focuses in on the hole, Sara Ladd, sophomore, plans how she will tackle it. "I thought of keeping my head down and pulling my club face when playing in order to hit the best shot," Ladd said.

IN FOR THE WIN

Conquering their team goal, Girls' Golf defeated their longtime rival, Kankakee Valley, and won Conference

AFTER YEARS OF WORKING HARD TO DEFEAT THEIR TOP RIVAL, the time came when the team faced Kankakee Valley (KV) at their conference tournament this season. By the end of the game against KV and Andrean, the girls defeated their long standing rival. After months of practicing and constantly preparing themselves to take on their goal, the girls finally had the chance after having the game rescheduled from earlier in the month.

> "This year we made it our team's goal to defeat our biggest rival, KV. I am really proud of our team and how hard we all worked in order to reach our goal."
>
> **Natalie Vellutini, senior**

"I think (the win) really gave us the confidence to make us go farther than we thought we could and planned on," Hannah Curtis, sophomore, said.

The girls held personal goals to help push themselves as individual players and as part of the team.

"We did little competitions during practices that put us under pressure and got us into the mode of 'I need to do this and get this right," Curtis said, "It really helped us prepare mentally and physically."

SKY HIGH Facing her and her team's biggest rival, Nicole Howard, sophomore, follows through on her swing during the game against Andrean and Kankakee Valley at Centennial Park and eventually takes home the win. "It felt good to win Conference through all of the hard work we had put in," Howard said. "Last year KV won one and we won one, but this year we won it all."

Kathleen Gonzales, 12
When I got my personal record at the Highland cross country meet my junior year. I knew there was no better feeling than crossing the finish line and knowing I had done it."

Stevan Djuric, 12
My favorite memory in a sports game was when Nik Kajmakoski (senior) scored a free kick in the boys' soccer first regional game to take us to the finals against Chesterton."

Vicente Misch-Ramirez, 10
(My favorite memory was) winning my first wrestling match for this season."

Emma Progler, 9
My favorite memory in my sport, figure skating, was winning Midwestern's with my team and going to the Gold Round."

Jacob Carlson, 10
My favorite memory in a sports game was the student section. It was so much fun and showed so much support for the soccer team."

On *course*

During the season, the girls made memories on several courses around Lake County

Munster
"My favorite course to play on would probably be Centennial because it's our home course, and I'm very familiar with it." **Sara Ladd, sophomore**

Crown Point
"I liked playing on Youche because all the holes were close to each other. So, there wasn't a whole lot of walking, and the course was really pretty and well taken care of." **Hannah Curtis, sophomore**

Cedar Lake
"My favorite course was Palmira because I loved the scenery, and I always seemed to play my best on that course."
Serena Marin, sophomore

DeMontte
"My favorite course to play on this season was Sandy Pines in DeMontte. This was the course we played at for our NCC tournament. It was new to me and pretty challenging, but I ended up playing really well on it which is the main reason why it was my course highlight of the season."
Haleigh Gronwold, freshman

LIGHTLY PUTT Back arched and feet forward, Natalie Vellutini, senior, aims to lightly putt the ball into the hole in order to win the game. "When I was playing I tried to line up with the hole as much as possible and take a confident swing," Vellutini said.

By the *numbers*

Throughout the season, the girls kept track of golf balls lost during hours of practice

250
Lost Golf Balls

13.5
Hours of Practice
(per week, per girl)

12
Players

Sources: sophomores Hannah Curtis, Nicole Howard, Sara Ladd, Serena Marin, & freshman Haleigh Gronwold

Perima Shah, 10
My favorite sports game related memory happened at a Chicago Bulls game nearly eight years ago. It was in the winter, in December, and I got to knuckle touch Michael Jordan."

Kaitlynn Gloff, 12
In softball my junior year, we were in the final round of Sectionals against LC. We were tied 0-0 and Taylor Michalski ('14) was on 3rd base. I got the sign to put the bunt down, and I did. Taylor scored, and we ended up winning the game 1-0."

Andy Chen, 12
Defeating Crown Point in the 2013 Boys Tennis Regional Semifinal Match. It was a huge win, and the overhead lights made the experience even more surreal. Like they were shining just for us."

Collin Sroge, 12
About two years ago, at my sectional swim meet, we were the most vulnerable that we have been in 30 years to lose our sectional streak. We overcame the odds, though, and still won the sectional title, making our streak 28 in a row."

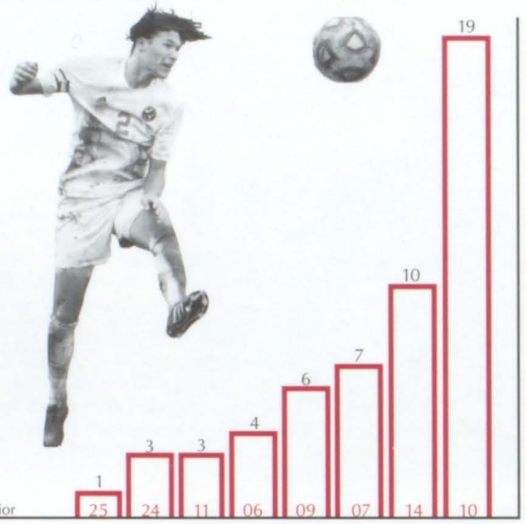
Hannah Zaremba, 10
My favorite memory was getting the opportunity to compete at the State Competition for Cheerleading this year. It was the first year that Munster Cheerleaders have ever gotten to go, and I was beyond thankful that I could help the team achieve our main goal."

Shots *fired*

Throughout the season*, the boys' goals headed in the right direction
*Excluding tournaments

09 Stevan Djuric, senior
06 Michael Jimenez, senior
10 Nik Kajmakowski, senior
14 Brett Kaufmann, junior
24 Nikola Mandic, senior
11 Michael Portone, junior
25 Sean Pruzin, senior
07 Kiriako Tsoukalas, sophomore

Pictured: Nate Sakevicius, senior



CHEER ON Seniors Michael Portone and Nate Sakevicius celebrate the second goal by Nikola Mandic, senior, against Highland. "When Nikki (Mandic) got the second goal, it was kind of crazy because he made two goals in under five minutes," Sakevicius said.

DRIBBLING THROUGH Taking the ball up, Nik Kajmakowski (10), senior, looks for opportunities against Lowell. "I was looking for the right pass to the center in order to get a goal," Kajmakowski said.

LIFTING SPIRITS Helping out a teammate, Nikola Mandic, senior, lifts Clay Arnold, junior, up after losing to Chesterton at the Regional Finals. "I remembered when I was a sophomore when we lost Regionals on the same field and how the seniors helped me get through it," Mandic said.

MAKING THE PASS Looking for an offensive player, Nate Sakevicius (2), senior, strikes the ball in the Regional Chesterton game. "I was looking for the through pass to the goal for someone to score off of," Sakevicius said.

Michael Jonelis, 10
I was at a Bull's game the day after Bin Laden was killed. During the national anthem, it was the loudest place I have ever been in."

Daniel Zuccarelli, 10
My favorite memory of a sport event was when I spilled the water jug all over the basketball court during half-time of a Boys' JV Basketball game, because I'm a team manager."

Aaron Richards, 9
My favorite memory is when we were running in track conditioning, and I was the only freshman to keep up with the upperclassmen."

Jessica Flores, 12
My favorite sports memory was when the girls soccer team was playing Crown Point at Crown Point and the lights went out and we held a dance party in the dark."

AND THE CROWD GOES WILD Waving socks above their heads, seniors Michael Hayes, Kevin Schlotman, Ben Marcus, Jimmy Delis and Drew Hackett celebrate the team's first goal of the season. "When he (Brett Kaufmann, junior) made the first goal of the season, everyone went crazy," Hackett said.

13 SHOUTS FOR VICTORY Celebrating the 13th consecutive Sectional win, Nik Kajmakowski (10), senior, holds up the Sectional trophy. "I was looking forward for Regionals and excited to keep the streak going," Kajmakowski said.

FINAL SECONDS

Boys' Soccer eliminated Lake Central in the Regional Semifinals at Merrillville High School in the middle of the second half

DETERMINED TO PUT A GOAL INTO THE BACK OF THE NET, the boys' took the field for the second half of the Regional Semifinals against opponent, Lake Central (LC).

"We knew we could take down LC, because we already did it once," Stevan Djuric, senior, said.

Each player prepared to push themselves to their limits in order to come out with a win. They had an over-crowded student section cheering them on for a win.

"It was really scary in the beginning," Jimmy Delis, senior, said. "I was nervous in the first half, but had confidence in the team, especially the seniors."

Fourteen minutes into the second half, one of LC's defenders fouled. Taking the shot, Nik Kajmakowski, senior, saw an opportunity to score on a free kick 40 yards out.

> "I realized the goalie wasn't paying attention, so I asked Nate (Sakevicius, senior) if I should take the kick or not, and he said do it."
>
> **Nik Kajmakowski, senior**

After scoring, the team worked hard to keep LC from scoring. As the buzzer ended the game, the boys celebrated the win while LC players flopped to the ground in defeat.

"LC is one of our biggest rivals, so beating them both times we played them was an awesome feeling," Djuric said.

PUSH COMES TO SHOVE A Chesterton player receives a foul after tripping Clay Arnold (44), junior. "On the bus, we were confident we would win," Arnold said. "We went in thinking, 'We are going to win this.' If it were any other game, it would have been awful because it was muddy, cold and wet, but because it was Regionals, it was amazing."

Henry Wolf, 10
(My favorite memory was) winning Regionals for tennis in 2013."

Brooke Metzger, 9
My favorite memory from a sports game this year was from the Homecoming game with all my friends, and we were just having a good time."

Jack Jones, 9
My favorite memory was our cross country team winning Conference."

Jacob Fitch, 9
(My favorite memory was) when I hit a walk-off grand slam to win the Championships of the last tournament of the year this August."

SEASON FINALE

Taking on their biggest rival, the Girls' Soccer team fought to redeem themselves from last year's Sectional loss

AFTER AN UNEXPECTED LOSS TO LAKE CENTRAL at Sectionals last year, the Girls' Soccer team prepared to face them again this year in Sectionals.

> "The Sectional loss was tough last year because we were so determined to go to State. We promised those seniors that we would redeem ourselves this time." **Jessica Flores, senior**

After 15 minutes of back-and-forth possession, the Lady Stangs finally put one in the back of the net when Lexie Lyons, junior, scored.

After eight corner kicks, Lake Central put one in with only seven minutes left. After two overtimes, the teams went into penalty kicks.

"I felt my heart drop in my chest when we had to go into penalty kicks," Elizabeth Fies, sophomore, said.

With one of their starting shooters, Jessica Flores, injured from a kick to her knee, Camryn Stassin, freshman, stepped up to take her place.

"I felt a lot of pressure taking the kick, but I wanted to contribute in some way," Stassin said.

After eight penalty kicks, the Mustangs fell short of one goal, ending their hopes for State.

"Despite the loss, we knew we played our hearts out," Cayla Bales, senior, said. "I know they'll get them next year."

STEPPIN' UP Winding up, Jaycee Helmer (18), freshman, kicks the ball out of the defense during the Lake Central Sectional Championship game. "This season was really intense and high-pressure," Helmer said. "But it really helped me grow as a player."

#soccergirlprobs

From 6 a.m. runs to smelly soccer bags, the girls did not hide any of their problems on social media

Cammi Stassin @CammiStassin
Can't. Move. My. Legs. 😩

Claire Bailey @bbbbailey14
Ladder sprints on my birthday.. Could not have thought of a better way to spend my morning! Just Kidding

Sierra Falcon @sierrafalcon1
Turf burn 😍 ❤

Cayla Bales @caylabales
"Now don't get out of shape over moratorium or you're gonna regret it Monday"
Ha ha. Whoops

Maria Sirounis @msirounis_23
walks by with soccer bag
hears bodies drop

Sources: Camryn Stassin, freshman, Claire Bailey, sophomore, Seniors Sierra Falcon and Cayla Bales, Maria Sirounis, junior

ALL OR NOTHING Racing her opponent to the ball, Cameron Kekelik, sophomore, tries to break the defensive line to score a goal. "I just went into every game and left everything I possibly could on the field," Kekelik said. "If I wasn't exhausted, I didn't do my job."

HAVING A BALL Shielding her opponent from the ball, Cayla Bales (33), senior, carries it up the field during the Highland match. "Nothing was more fun than being able to play a game and give it all you got," Bales said.

Emily Flynn, 11
My favorite memory was when my twin, a friend, her boyfriend and I went to the Homecoming game and sat in the grass doing cartoon character impressions."

Nik Kajmakoski, 12
(My favorite memory was) scoring my winning goal in the Regional semi-final."

Cruz Medina, 10
When the Seattle Seahawks won the NFC Championship against the San Franciscisco 49'ers, and then crushed the overrated Broncos 43-8 in Super Bowl XLVII."

BITTERSWEET GOODBYES After losing their last game in Sectionals, seniors Jessica Flores (16) and Cayla Bales cherish their last high school game together. "It was sad, but I just feel really lucky to have played with my best friend for the past eight years," Flores said.

UNDER PRESSURE During back-and-forth penalty kicks, juniors Haley Collison and Lexie Lyons, Kendal Ziel, freshman, and Kayleigh Yaeger, sophomore, have a hard time watching. "Penalty kicks are an emotional rollercoaster for both teams," Collison said.

HELPING HAND Preparing to watch the game go into penalty kicks, Mackenzie Portone (22), junior, offers some support by offering her hands to her coach, Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher. "The game was the most intense game I've ever played," Portone said. "It was impossible to sit still and not freak out once we went into penalty kicks."

STANG SUPPORT After a tough loss in Sectionals, Mackenzie Portone, junior, Sierra Falcon, senior, juniors Brooke Newton and Maria Sirounis, and Camryn Stassin, freshman, turn their attention to the Boys' soccer team before their Regional Championship game. "It was amazing to see the girls come out there for us, even before the game started," Clay Arnold, junior, said. "It definitely pumped us up even more."

What's In *Your Bag*?

Other than the typical cleats and shin-guards, there's a few more staples in the girls' bags

Tissues, for all my tears during conditioning
Maria Sirounis, junior

Food. Lots of food
Sierra Falcon, senior

Ibuprofen and Icy- Hot
Cayla Bales, senior

Febreeze
Olivia Foley, freshman

Pre-wrap and tape
Kayleigh Yaeger, sophomore

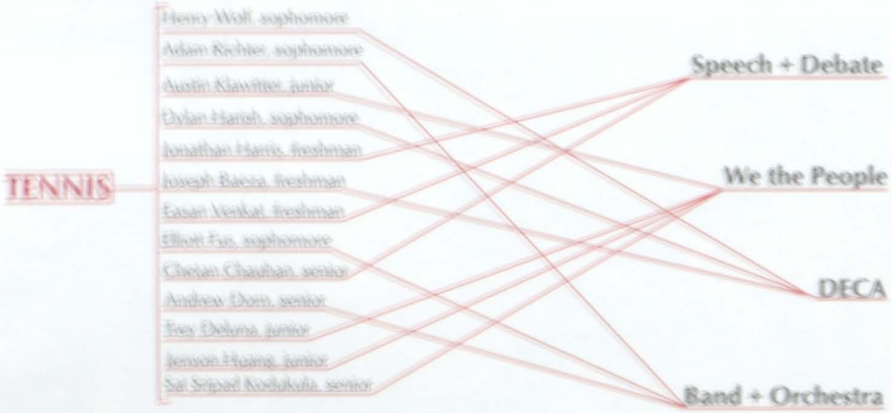
Andrew Dorn, 12
"Munster Tennis winning Regionals against Crown Point in 2013 and having the spectators rush the court."

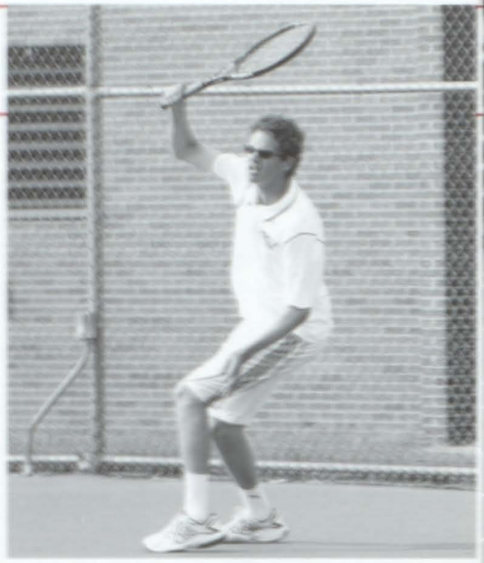
Jack Warren, 11
"The 2014 Conference Meet for Boys' Track. It was close the whole meet, and we won at the end."

Grace Iwachiw, 9
"My favorite (memory) was going to my sister's seventh grade volleyball games. You get so excited when you watch, you can't help but cheer all the time."

More than meets the *eye*

Not just defined by playing on the Boys' Tennis team, numerous players participated in other extra curricular activities along with tennis





GOING IN FOR THE SWING As he focuses in on the ball, Arlo Detmer, junior, swings in hopes of scoring another point. "I thought about where to go hit the ball and how to get back to the center of the court," Detmer said.

FINAL POINT

Competing for their tenth consecutive Regional Championship, Boys' Tennis lost the match and their path to State

SEVENTY-THREE WINNING POINTS. Twenty matches. Three singles players. Two doubles teams. But it all came down to one point.

"The singles really worked hard, and the doubles kept doing what they were doing because it proved successful throughout the season," Alex Wisniewski, senior, said.

Munster beat Crown Point 3-2 earlier in the season, so the players did not expect this loss. However, the close scores of the individual matches made the vulnerability of both teams visible.

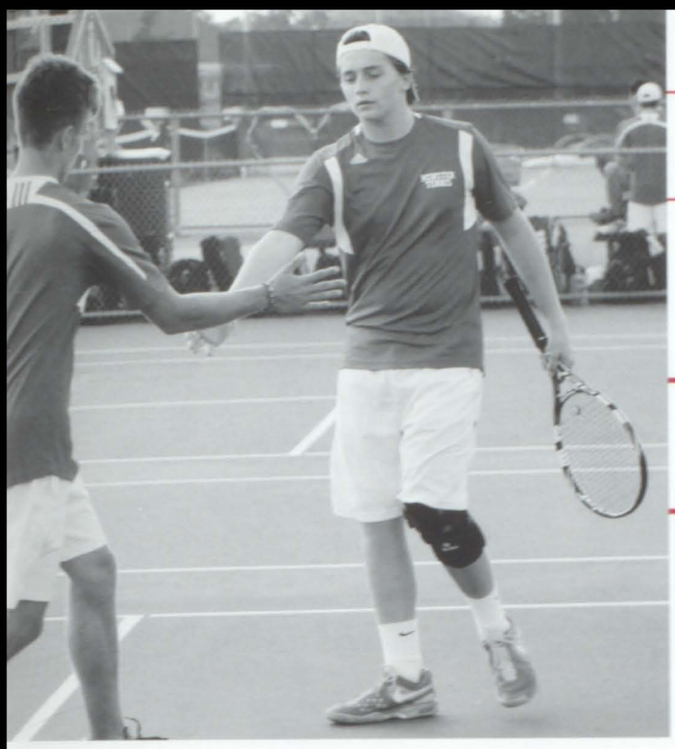
"(His opponent) hit the ball harder, he went for more winners, he came to the net, and that was just tougher to defend rather than just hitting the ball back," Matt Marcus, sophomore, said.

> "All season, we were just looking forward to Regionals; that's where all the hype is."
> **Michael Rivich, senior**

In the previous match, Marcus beat his Crown Point opponent in a tie breaker. Marcus and his coaches both knew that Regionals would possibly come down to whether or not he could repeat his win.

In the end, they lost their reign of Regional Champions, but their reputation of talent and great sportsmanship continues.

GOTTA HAVE IT Reaching out, Marc Levitan, senior, ran to get the ball before it hit the court. "I had to get to the ball," Levitan said. "The last ball wins the match." Boys' Tennis won their match versus Chesterton that day.



Jeremiah Eaton, 9
"Getting a picture with White Sox player Frank Thomas."

Ricardo Alvarado, 11
"When both student sections are going crazy during the game!"

James Svolos, 10
"Winning the Sectional Championship (for swimming) for the 29th time in a row."

Olivia Laoang, 12
"Whenever the Boys' Basketball team wins against LC."

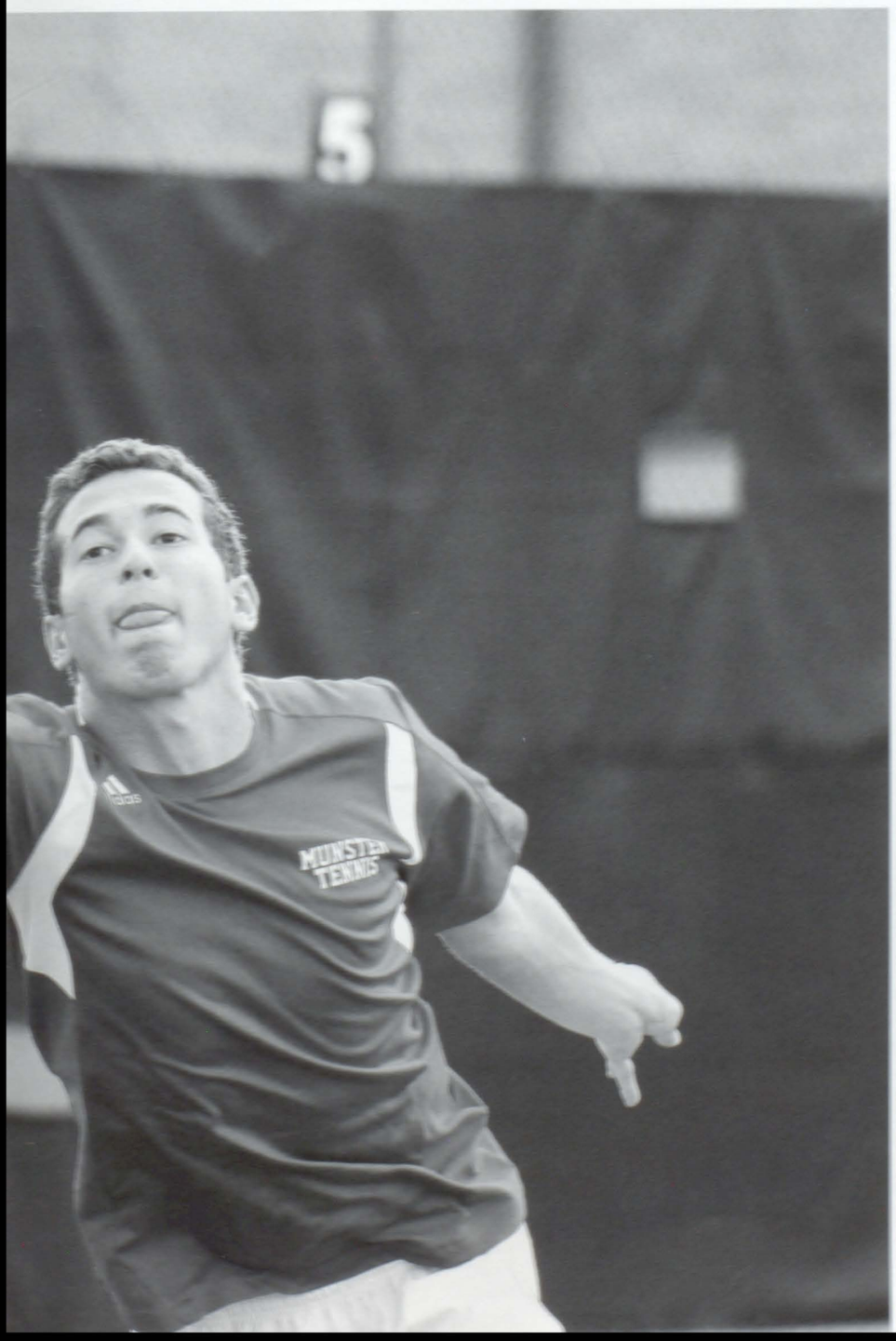
Smells like *team* spirit

Varsity doubles team of seniors co-captain Michael Rivich and Patrick Toth went

> "Whether we were winning or losing in the match, we knew we had not only the talent but the mental strength to come out on top."
> **Michael Rivich, senior**

> "We can beat anyone out in the field here, and that's what we aspired to do."
> **Patrick Toth, senior**

BETTER TOGETHER Seniors Patrick Toth and Michael Rivich high-five each other during a match. "Teamwork is so important that it is virtually impossible for you to reach the heights of your capabilities without being cohesive with your doubles partner," Toth said.



LEAN ON ME Hours after the Regionals match ended, seniors Andrew Dorn, Alex Wisniewski and Michael Rivich sat on the court they had grown so accustomed to playing on. "This was the most bittersweet moment of the year," Wisniewski said. He and his partner Adam Richter, sophomore, placed in the Final Four at State as they advanced individually.

NO "I" IN TEAM As the team lines up, Alex Samuels, senior, high-fives his teammates. "This was senior night," Samuels said. "We do this before games in an attempt to get adrenaline running and get excited for the match. One can say it adds a boost of confidence because when you get on the court, you feel like the entire team is right behind you."

Christopher Baltages, 10
Watching Randall Cobb right pass Chris Conte to put the Packers in the Playoffs and beat the Bears."

Katherine Dodgson 9
My favorite memory from a sport's game would probably be the 'Kill Against Cancer' volleyball game. "

Victoria Foster, 12
We were losing in the volleyball Regional Championships and I hit a ball out of the back row that would have lost us the game if it would have gone out, but it landed on the back line and we ended up winning."

Brandon Andreason, 10
My favorite memory at a sports game was in 2013 when Notre Dame Men's Basketball team played Louisville and the game lasted for five overtimes."

Circle of *trust*

Celebrating their Sectional win, Varsity Volleyball huddled together in victory

Eudora Negri, junior
"The feeling was unreal to be apart of such a talented and supportive team."

Toni DalleCarbonare, senior
"Being able to watch everyone on the team this year improve their volleyball skills and grow as an individual really made the season for me."

Tori Foster (7), senior
"I had so much fun this season and I am thankful that I was able to spend my last year with these girls."

Blaire Barnett (1), senior
"We had a young team and watching them get better was so great. It took us a little while to get into the rhythm, but once we did we were pretty amazing."

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Although Varsity Volleyball played a strong season, their skill and determination did not take them to the top at Regionals

GIRLS IN WHITE AND RED JERSEYS DIVED to the ground. The sound of hands smacked against the ball. Cheers echoed throughout the gym as another point was scored. Munster Varsity Volleyball, who had a great overall season with winning 53 matches, played all the way to Regionals.

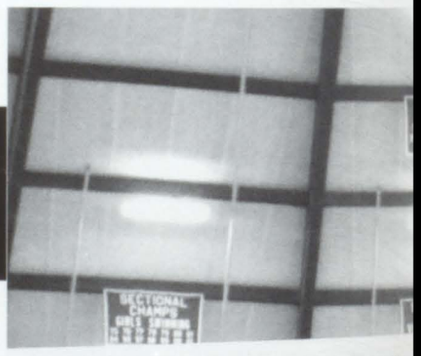
"We came out very aggressive at the beginning and that helped us a lot but our loss of energy was our downfall," Tori Foster, senior, said.

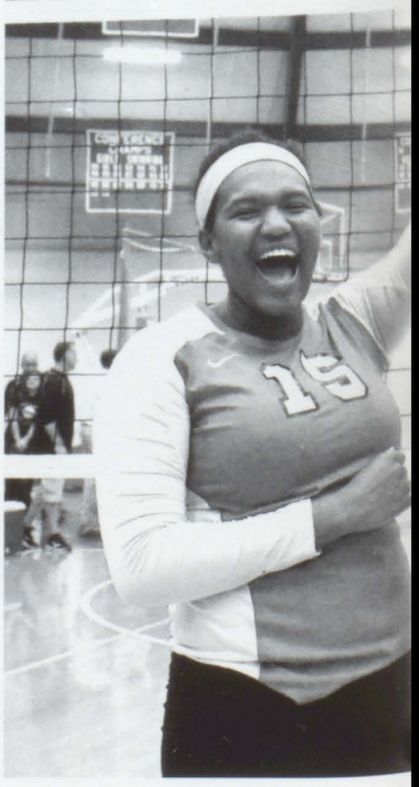
Even though that was where the season ended, they did not let the loss tarnish their confidence and determination. The girls played their best but lost all three matches during Regionals.

"The best part about Regionals, to me, had to be how nobody ever seemed to lose hope. Though we were down at some points, we never gave up," Katie Kordeck, sophomore, said.

Even with their season ending early, many of the girls on the team believed that there was not much that could have been done differently throughout their matches.

> "I don't know that there truly is anything we could have done 'better' so much as just keeping up our hard work that we have repeated over each season."
>
> **Toni DalleCarbonare, senior**





STEALING SECTIONALS Seniors Quinn Harris (15), Blaire Barnett (6), Alex Sullivan (8), and Varsity Coach Tracy Summers, WWMS teacher, raised their award into the air as they showed off what their team had accomplished. "When we were handed the award for winning Sectionals it was one of the best feelings in the world," Barnett said. "We worked so hard this year and to know that it had payed off and we won one of our most important matches of the season was absolutely amazing."

+ Molly Gish, 12
My favorite memory would have to be when I attended one of the volleyball games and seeing how the team worked together really made me see that they were in it as a family, not just individuals."

+ Khalehla Strong, 11
My favorite memory at a sports game was at a home basketball game last year. I'm a cheerleader and as I was tumbling, a referee came out of nowhere and I kicked him on accident. "

+ Patrick Losiniecki, 12
One of my favorite sports memories was signing the national anthem with the other ASL kids. It was nerve-wracking and fun, all at the same time."

+ Claire LeMonnier, 11
My favorite memory at a sports game would be when my dad worked as Benny the Bull for the Chicago Bulls and my brother and I got to be a part of the Christmas halftime show as dancing elves and mini Benny's."

RACING TO THE TOP Sprinting back and forth along the court, Varsity Volleyball warms up before a game. "Making sure we stayed in shape was important to us," Lauren Adams (19), junior said. "We would do many different kinds of exercises and Zumba before each game. The harder we trained, the better we played."

ALL IT TAKES IS ALL YOU GOT Leaping into the air, Marijke Van Dyke (13), sophomore, gets ready to spike the ball into the opposing team's court. "It was a great feeling to watch myself improve this season," Van Dyke said. "I worked as hard as I could during practices in order to turn my weaknesses into strengths and I feel like I definitely accomplished that."

TEARS OF JOY After being overcome with relief and happiness over the Varsity Volleyball team's Sectional win, Tori Foster (24), senior, embraces her aunt in celebration. "My sophomore year she hugged me after she watched us lose to LC in Sectionals, so it was the greatest feeling for her to see us get our revenge on them my senior year and beat them when it really counted," Foster said.

Serving it *up*

Tori Foster, senior, demonstrates the steps needed in order to serve a volleyball

+step one:

Step forward with the ball in your non-dominant hand

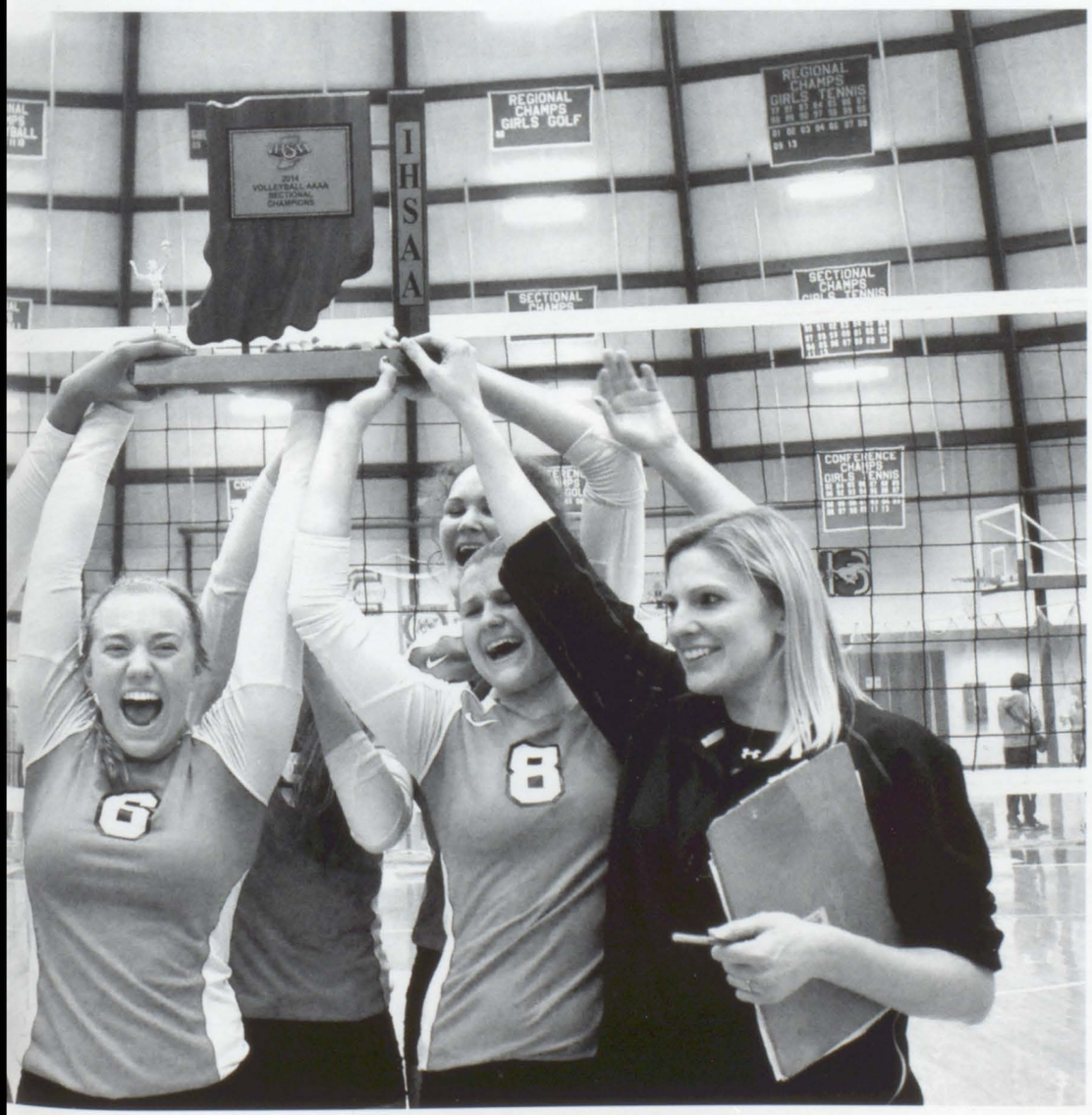
+step two:

Toss the ball slightly above your head, with your fist clenched and your thumb on the outside of your fingers with your dominant hand

+step three:

Swing under the ball with your dominant hand and hit it with the bottom of your palm

Source: Tori Foster, senior



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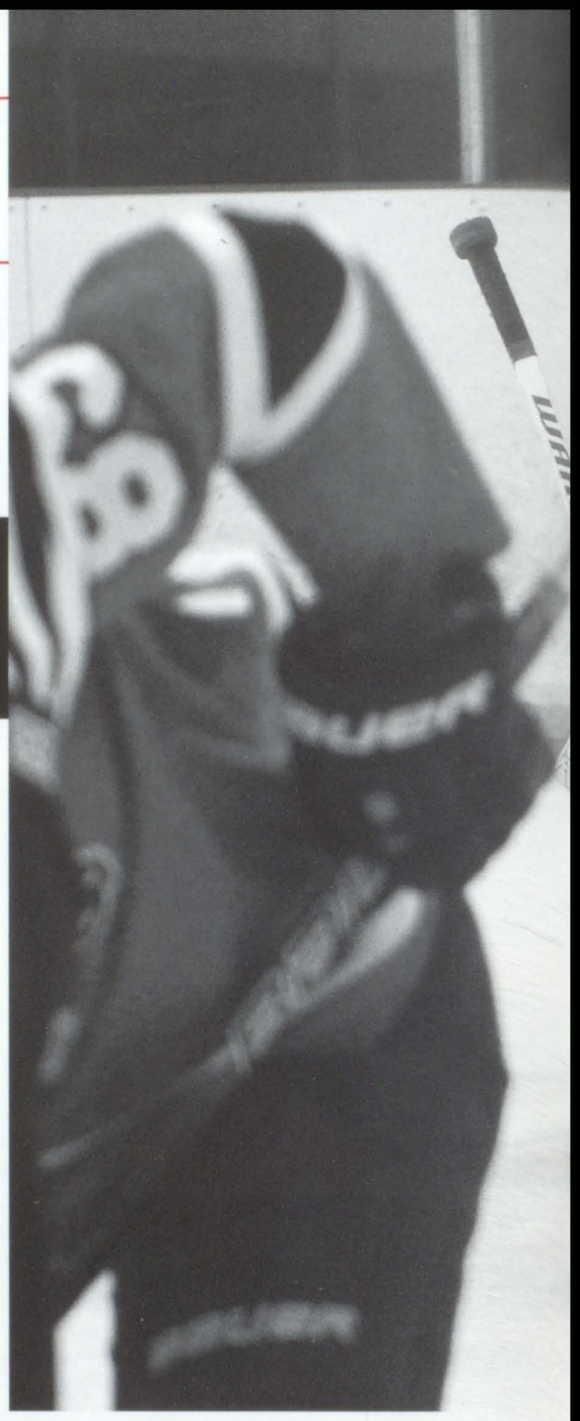
Kate Radde, 9
My favorite memory was when I got to dance with the cheerleaders at halftime for the Homecoming game."

Noah Montoya, 9
My favorite memory was when the freshmen football team knocked off both Highland and LC. Even though we had a pretty rough season it was fun to get those two wins."

Mallory Grim, 10
My favorite memory with the cross country team was in the lock in."



CASTING A WIDER NET

From hockey to soccer, many students took part in sports outside of school to stay active and enjoy time with their peers

LACING UP HIS SKATES AND GRABBING HIS HOCKEY STICK, Nick Kotz, senior, heads to the ice. He skates to his starting position and takes his place as goalie—a normal after-school ritual for Kotz. He and many other students took part in a hockey team with other students from around the area.

"I heard about the team from my dad's friend who had his son on the team," Hannah Bailey, junior, said. "I decided to join hockey because it was something that I grew up around, and it sounded fun to try."

With their season ending at Semi-state, members of the hockey team felt that their victories were more than just a score. It was about the team.

"The team was a lot of fun," Kotz said. "Everyone was pretty close, and I seemed to have a lot more friends on the team this year than any of the other years."

Along with Kotz, Bailey had similar feelings when it came to the team, their season and their camaraderie.

> "The best part about being a member of the team was knowing that your teammates had your back and they would be there to support you through it all."
>
> **Hannah Bailey, junior**

BENCH WARMERS Cheering their team on from the sidelines, Justin Lukowski (4), freshman, and seniors Matt Childs (8), Jacob Helmer, Dominic Lucito (3) and Adam Ostoich watch the Biddy Ball game. "It was a lot of fun coaching my friends," Ostoich said. "I always wanted to play Biddy Ball, but I couldn't because of high school basketball."

ONE ON ONE Facing an opposing player, Brett Kaufmann (1), junior, plays in a Biddy Ball game. "Since Biddy Ball's recreational, it was fun because it was like a free for all and you could do whatever you wanted," Kaufmann said.

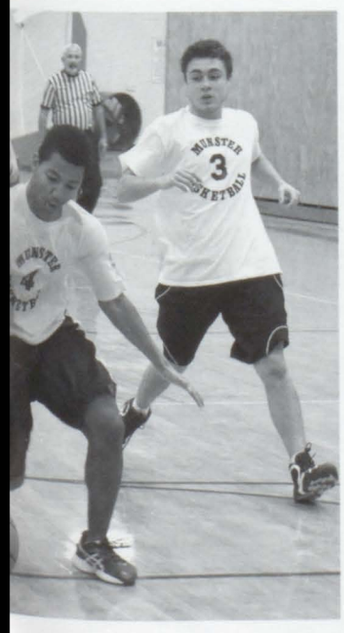
BUZZER BEATER Racing their way to the hoop, Bilal Siddiqui (2), junior, and seniors Ryan Kritzer (1), Arthur Carey (4) and Nick Fromm (3) play in a Biddy Ball game.

Milan Obradovic, 10
My favorite memory at a sports game was definitely when the final buzzer sounded at this year's sectional championship."

Sarah Wanicki, 9
My favorite part of being in sports was meeting so many new friends and staying in shape."

MAKE THE GOAL As he guards the net, Nick Kotz, senior, faces off against an opponent. "Somebody told me about high school hockey so I decided to try that instead of doing a travel team," Kotz said. "We got third this season, which was pretty good, especially considering we only had three seniors on the team."

ICE ICE BABY Hockey stick in hand, Hannah Bailey, junior, guides the puck across the ice during a Hockey game. "I think that the closeness of the teammates had an effect on the outcome of our season because the closer we were to each other, the better we did," Bailey said.



KICKIN' IT Passing the ball to another teammate, Jessica Flores, senior, takes part in a game for her recreational indoor soccer team. The team consisted of high school students from the area who met in Dyer to play against other teams. "(My favorite part about playing) was playing with kids who were new to the sport and introducing them to it," Flores said.

indoor vs. *outdoor*

With unique rules and surroundings, indoor soccer was different than outdoor

INDOOR:

- The ball can bounce off the walls or the ceiling.
- Sub-ins can occur whenever the ball is not in play.
- In order for the ball to go out of bounds, it must be kicked over the wall.
- Since indoor turf can be ripped up by cleats, it sometimes requires different shoes.

OUTDOOR:

- The ball has nothing to bounce off.
- Sub-ins must occur during a restart when the subbing team has possession.
- The bounds are marked on the field.
- Players can wear cleats.

Source: Erin Gallagher, senior

Jacob Lyza, 11
(My favorite memory at a sports game was when) I was at a Sox game with my family, and I was on the JumboTron."

Anthony Redman, 10
I remember in soccer when I got my first goal."

Stone Zadrozny, 9
My favorite memory would have to be going to the Michigan volleyball camp and spending the night with my teammates. I definitely gained skill and friendships there."

Ashraf Mohamed, 12
Just being there with friends is always fun."

TAKIN' IT TO COURT

Boys' Basketball fought to the end to maintain their sectional title

IT WAS 6:59. FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE FILLED THE John Baratto Center as the Mustangs huddled around Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher for what could be their last time. Putting their past 74-51 loss to the East Chicago Cardinals behind them, they went out to maintain their sectional title.

"It was hard going in with people thinking we had no chance due to all of our losses in season," captain Drew Hackett, senior, said. "But we drew a line in the sand and agreed we were not going to lose in Sectionals."

Playing the game with this mindset, Hackett broke records by scoring the most points in one game, 51, and the most total points in school history. By halftime, their 42-32 lead had fans on the edge of their seat.

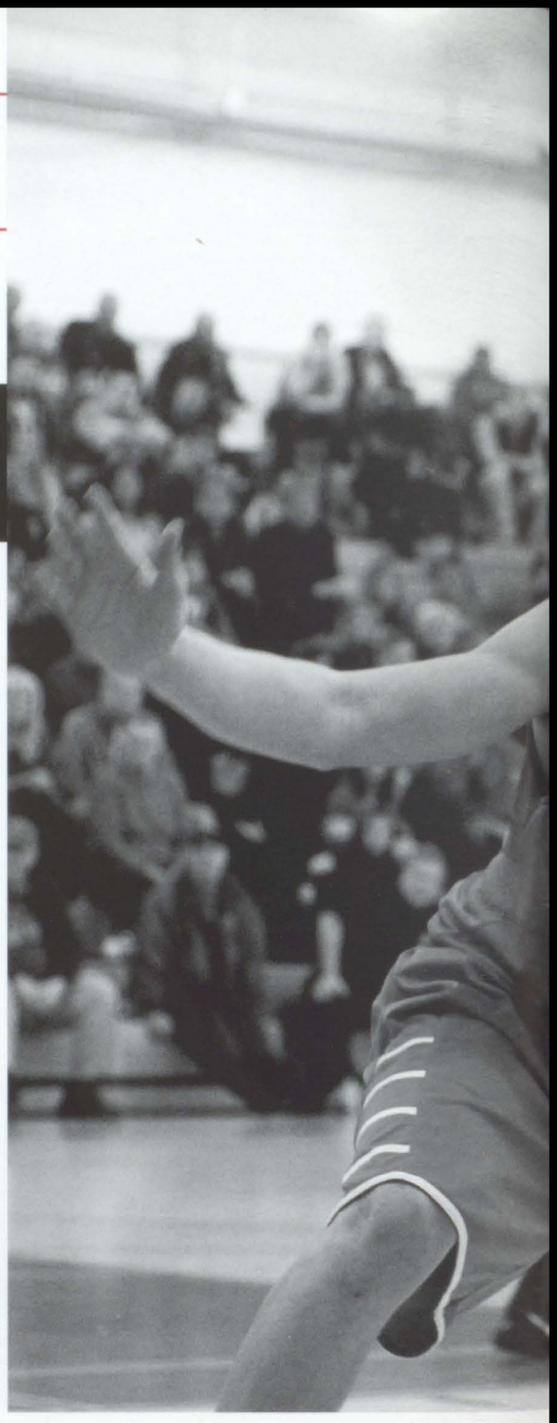
"The energy of the game was crazy," Ben Marcus, senior, said. "I went to almost every game to watch my friends, but everyone in the stands was way more in to this one."

Coming back on the court, Adam Ostoich, senior, put in 12 points, and Kevin Schlottman, senior, put in 11 more. Forty-two points later, the game ended.

"We had ups-and-downs, but we ended up putting numerals on the banner in the gym," Coach Hackett said.

When the final buzzer went off, the players celebrated the win together under the scoreboard reading 88-77.

> "It was sensational. We basically defied all odds against us because no one thought we could beat East Chicago. As soon as we got on the bus, we started thinking of Regionals."
>
> **Luke Pillarella, junior**



PRESSURE'S ON Putting pressure on Lake Central's Ethan Darter, junior, Antoine Van Dyke (40), junior, crouches down to defend during the Lake Central game . "We're all about moving the ball fast and pressuring, whether you're defending or taking it down the court," Van Dyke said.

superfanning the flames

Students attended the home and away basketball games with different themes, outfits and chants

Themes

- Random Costume Night
- Black-out, Red-out, White-out
- "Rich Kids"
- USA Night

Chants

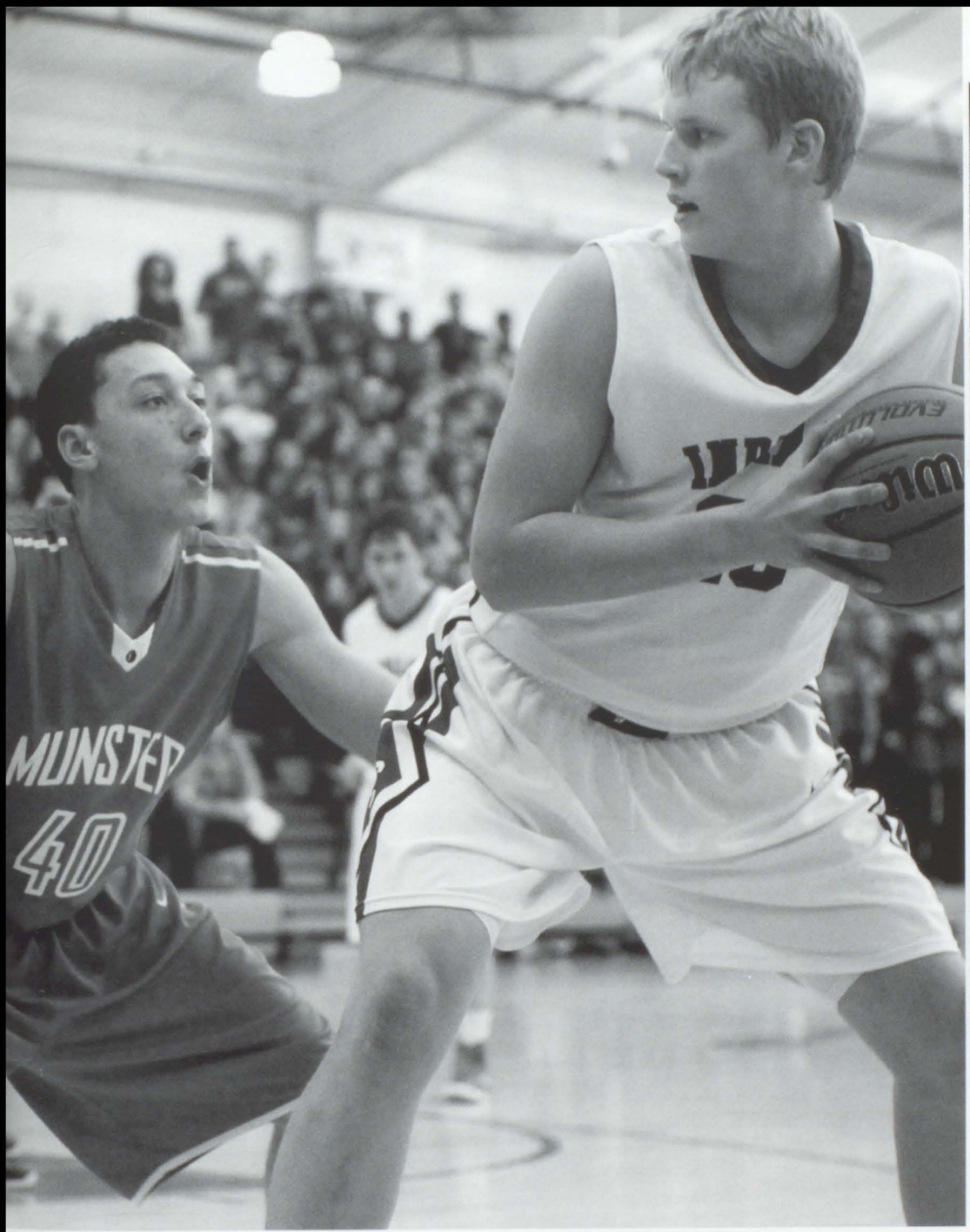
- "He scared; he shakin'; he know he ain't gon' make it."
- "Start the buses!"
- *Spirit fingers*
- "We have laptops!"

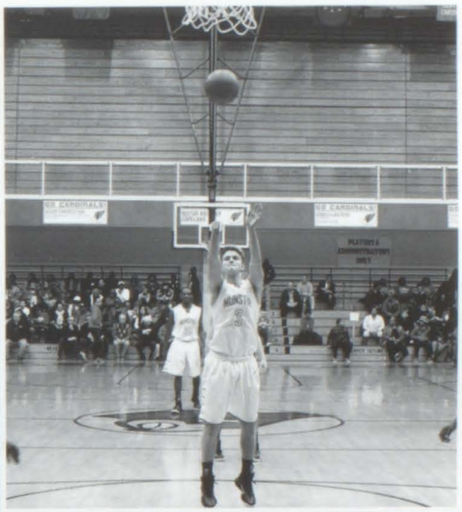
Source: Ben Marcus, senior

FANCY FANS Against one of the team's top rivals, Lake Central, seniors Sean Pruzin, Scott Farley, Seth Gutwein, Dean Svolos, Dillon Pierie and Ryan Kritzer dressed in their "Rich Kids" theme to make a statement against Munster's stereotypes. "Lake Central always makes fun of how we're considered 'rich' so we thought we might as well run with it," Scott said.

VICTORY AT LAST Celebrating their sectional victory, seniors Adam Ostoich and Austin Eiland congratulate one another on their hard work. "We were a really close team," Eiland said. "We weren't the most talented group, but we played our hearts out."

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME Huddling around Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher, Kevin Schlottman (3), senior, Luke Pillarella (12), junior, and Michael Madura (33), sophomore, listen to his advice. "Coach (Hackett) always gave us a pep talk before and during our games to keep us pumped up," Madura said.



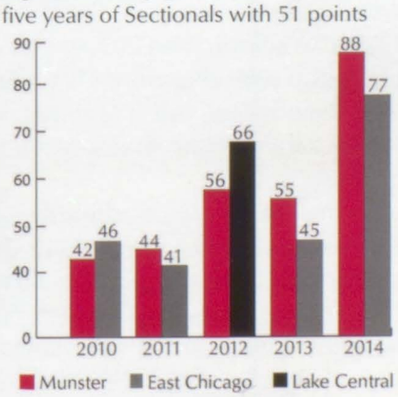


KEEP CALM AND SHOOT Following through his shot, Kevin Schlottman, senior, takes a free throw at the East Chicago sectional match. "It was a lot of pressure the whole game," Schlottman said. "Every shot counted."

CALLIN' THE SHOTS Reaching for a lay-up, Adam Ostoich puts another basket in, scoring 18 points against Lake Central in Sectionals. "This season really meant a lot to me," Ostoich said. "Every game could've been my last high school game ever."

turning points

Drew Hackett, senior, lead the team's highest scoring game, 88-77, in the last five years of Sectionals with 51 points



Source: *Paragon* '10, '11, '12, '13

SHIELDING OFF Drew Hackett, senior, broke school records during his final sectional game. "I remember running around the gym when I was a little kid waiting to play on the team one day," Hackett said. "It's cool that now I get to be someone kids look up to."

Austin Eiland, 12
My favorite memory was winning Sectionals, and seeing all the fans run onto the floor to greet us. It was the single greatest moment of my life so far."

Amy Kaniewski, 9
My favorite memory is when I went to nationals in California and we played a team and I pitched a really bad pitch, but the girl swung at it."

girls vs. *boys*

Although they played by the same rules, Girls' and Boys' basketball shared differences

Girls	Difference	Boys
28.5 to 29 inches in circumference and 5 to 20 oz	Ball Size	29 to 30 inches in circumference and 20 to 22 oz.
more prone to injury	Injuries	less prone to injury
5' 8"	Average Height	5' 7"

Source: livestrong.com, maxpreps.com

TUG 'O WAR Keeping her grip strong, Maria Sirounis, junior, fights to keep the ball away from Bowman Academy. "We constantly encouraged each other to do better, to push ourselves," Sirounis said. "I think this made our team really strong."

LITTLE TALKS Clipboard in hand, Coach Jim Davidson, PLTW teacher, gives the girls a quick pep talk before they head back onto the court. "I was a new coach, so it was a bit awkward in the beginning," Davidson said. "But by the end of the season, we all got along a lot more smoothly and well."

STRETCH FIRST While stretching with teammates before the game, Miranda Mihalic, senior, begins to focus herself for the game ahead. "Playing on the team this season was definitely different," Mihalic said. "Like all teams, we had our ups and downs, but all in all, we treated each other like a family."

STARTER PSYCHED Mentally preparing for the game, Megan Zabrecky (33), junior, runs onto the court, high-fiving her teammates as a starter for the game. "Running onto the court before the game was kind of like a tradition," Zabrecky said. "It got us all psyched."

TOGETHER WE STAND

Girls' Basketball worked as a family as they welcomed a new coach

WHEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL WELCOMED THEIR NEW COACH, Jim Davidson, PLTW teacher, the team did not just gain another fan on the sidelines, but someone who pushed the team to come together.

"He had a positive impact on the team," Jordan Cole, senior, said. "We had a little bit better of a season than last year, so that was a step in the right direction. I felt like we could have done better, but it was just such a big change for everyone that it was kind of hard to adjust."

Having previously coached the 2007-2009 seasons, Coach Davidson returned as head coach ready to motivate and push the girls.

"(Coaching) was the perfect opportunity, the right timing, and I love coaching," Davidson said. "I worked with the girls to make them more of a family— every win for a girl was a win for the team, every loss for the team was an upset for the girls."

Along with the new coach, the team worked throughout the season to understand each other and become a team.

> "This year was different. We came into the season not knowing what to expect and came out stronger than ever."
>
> **Maddy Moore, junior**

Coach Davidson motivated the team to act as one. He enforced that one person's success acted as the team's success. He brought insight and techniques that expanded the girls as players throughout the year until the very end.

"It was kind of rough because of the transition of coaching styles, but it ended up working out," Maria Sirounis, junior, said. "I felt like all the girls benefitted from the switch."

EYES ON THE PRIZE Focusing for the basket, Maria Sirounis, junior, approaches the hoop and aims for the shot at her game against Gary West Side. "This season was an eye opener," Sirounis said. "With a new coach, we now had to learn a completely different style, offense and defensive. But even with all the changes, we all came together like family."

Dan Green, 12
I really enjoyed the LC basketball game. The rich-out was a great opportunity to dress as elitist as possible and have some fun at the same time. I loved how we embraced our stereotype and used it to our advantage."

Maria Sirounis, 11
My favorite (memory) would probably be when I had to be the ball girl for the first time, and I was running to get an out-of-bounds ball when I slipped on cement and scarred my leg."

Max Servi, 9
I went to a Sox game against the Royals on the 4th of July and we were losing 5-3. We had guys on second and third and Paul Konerko hit a home run."

Scott Farley, 12
Getting third at state in Cross Country was a surreal feeling, knowing that my team had worked hard all year and finally seeing it pay off was very rewarding."

Laila Nawab, 11
I just love watching my favorite team win."

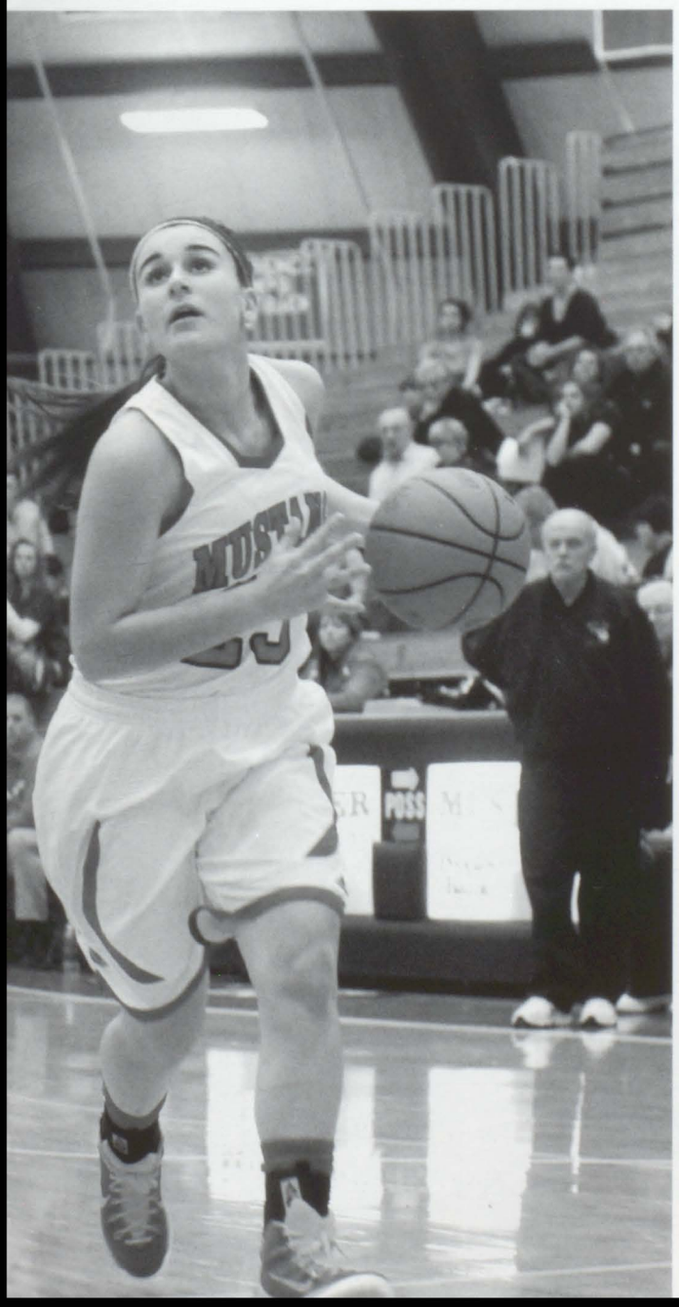
WEIGHING OPTIONS In a game against Bowman Academy, Jordan Cole, senior, decides how to get around her opponents. "(This season) was bittersweet," Cole said. "It was nice playing with these girls my entire high school career, and it was sad not being able to play with them again."

counting up

During the season, players worked to make every moment count the most it could

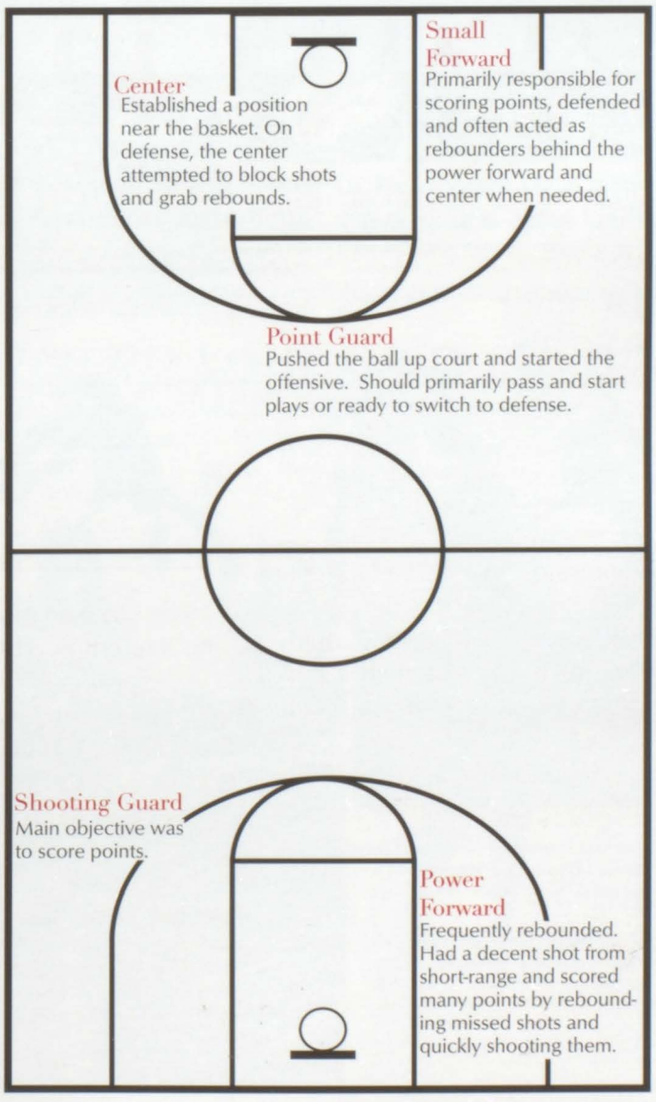
13 home games
1183 points scored
3698 minutes played
6121th national ranking
11-12 overall record
12 away games
4-2 conference record
118th state ranking
13 Varsity players

Source: maxpreps.com



playing *positions*

Each position the players held a designated role in the game


Center
Established a position near the basket. On defense, the center attempted to block shots and grab rebounds.
Small Forward
Primarily responsible for scoring points, defended and often acted as rebounders behind the power forward and center when needed.
Point Guard
Pushed the ball up court and started the offensive. Should primarily pass and start plays or ready to switch to defense.
Shooting Guard
Main objective was to score points.
Power Forward
Frequently rebounded. Had a decent shot from short-range and scored many points by rebounding missed shots and quickly shooting them.

PLAYERS:

Small Forward
Megan Wilkens, senior
Megan Zabrecky, junior

Center
Megan Zabrecky, junior
Maddy Moore, junior

Point Guard
Jaycee Helmer, freshman
Jordan Cole, senior

Shooting Guard
Dominique Schupp, junior
Nicole Howard, sophomore
Natalie Vellutini, senior

Power Forward
Sammi Buvala, junior
Maria Sirounis, junior
Abby Andersen, junior
Maddy Moore, junior

Source: Maria Sirounis, junior

Hunter Small, 10
(My favorite memory in a club was) getting a personal best in track."

Blaire Barnett, 12
My favorite memory of Munster Volleyball was all the inside jokes we had with each other."

Jonathan Zimmerman, 12
My last game of the baseball season was great, we won the game, obviously."

Joshua Peters, 12
I don't really have a fun memory, but I do remember when I lost my wallet at a Munster football game."

SWINGING INTO SIXTH

For the first time in the school's history, the Cheer Team finaled at the annual State competition with their sixth place finish

PREPARING FOR THE STATE COMPETITION, the Cheer team focused on key characteristics of success: hard work, teamwork and most importantly, confidence. The team had all of these characteristics, according to Co-captain Briana Crowe, senior, and thus they made history by placing sixth at State for the first time.

> "I think we placed so high because all the girls wanted it so badly, and we worked so hard."
> **Co-captain Briana Crowe, senior**

The team practiced every week to make sure they were hitting every stunt and fly.

"It was just practice, practice, practice until we could hit it perfectly," Tessa Bales, sophomore, said. "The competition itself was scary, but also exciting because it was the first time we'd ever made sixth place."

The team had prepared for competition for months, but there was still the possibility to make a mistake. However, their hard work led to the school's highest feat thus far.

"Sixth place was more than we could have ever asked for the first time around," Hannah Zaremba, sophomore, said. "We weren't expecting it at all, but the best things are the ones that aren't expected."

STAY FLY With her team surrounding her, Tessa Bales, sophomore, is propped up in the middle of a stunt. "I don't think about anything else (when I'm in the air)," Bales said.

LEAN ON ME Lifting Co-captain Kasey Luehrs, senior, Co-captain Briana Crowe, senior, offered base support for a stunt. "(Stunts are) kind of stressful," Crowe said. "But my supports always have my back."

FALLING THROUGH THE AIR Preparing to catch Emily Zellinger, sophomore, Mary Pugh, junior, reached out in preparation. "I felt really strong, but nervous," Pugh said. "sometimes it depended on the stunt."

Jenny Watterson, 9
I remember my brother pitching at the Regionals game and winning."

Alexandra Wright, 9
Getting a concussion and blacking out during a club volleyball game. #nomemories."

Michael Jackson, 12
After our wrestling practices, we'd do a lot of team bonding."

Randy Nava, 12
(My favorite memory was) beating Lake Central."

Connor Zunica, 11
I learned to never wrestle again."

FUN DAYS Giving a piggy-back ride to a Pop Warner cheerleader, Brittney Lee, sophomore, hangs out before the start of a football game. "It was a great opportunity to show little girls what cheerleading was all about in high school," Lee said.

IN THE MOMENT As they tried to perfect their death drop stunt, sophomores Emily Zellinger and Tessa Bales held each other's arms to steady themselves while being lifted up. "When I was in the air, all I focused on was keeping my body straight," Zellinger said.

FROM THE SIDELINES Cheering during a basketball game, Gwynn Hammermeister, freshman, rooted for her team with fellow cheerleaders sophomores Gabi Herrera and Brittney Lee. "I hoped the Mustangs won," Hammermeister said.

step up your own cheer game

Gabi Herrera, sophomore, demonstrates how to perform the "Let's Go, Mustangs!" cheer with a simple pair of arm movement and spoken word

1 "Let's"

2 "Go"

3 "Mu-"

4 "Stangs"

Sources: Gabi Herrera, sophomore, and Kasey Luehrs, senior

Aavery Poelinitz, 9
I'd probably have to say the Kankakee Valley football game. The running back kept running my way and I stopped him and after the game he said to me 'I never had to work that hard to run the ball.'"

Joey Baeza, 9
When we won Sectionals for the 30th year in a row for swimming."

Andrew Getting, 12
My favorite memory was my junior year when Danny Zuccarelli spilled ten gallons of water in front of the student section at halftime during the Varsity Basketball game."

Chloe Miller, 10
My favorite memory would have to be when I hit my first home run. I started sprinting around the bases until my coach told me it was over the fence."

Claire Svoboda, 11
Semi- state for Cross Country. To be able to see our improvements from freshman year to this year."

Dominic Delia, 11
When Jimmy Clausen blocked a kick for the Chicago Bears in November 2014."

competition must-haves

During all-day competitions, the girls had their necessities on hand, as well as fun ways to pass time

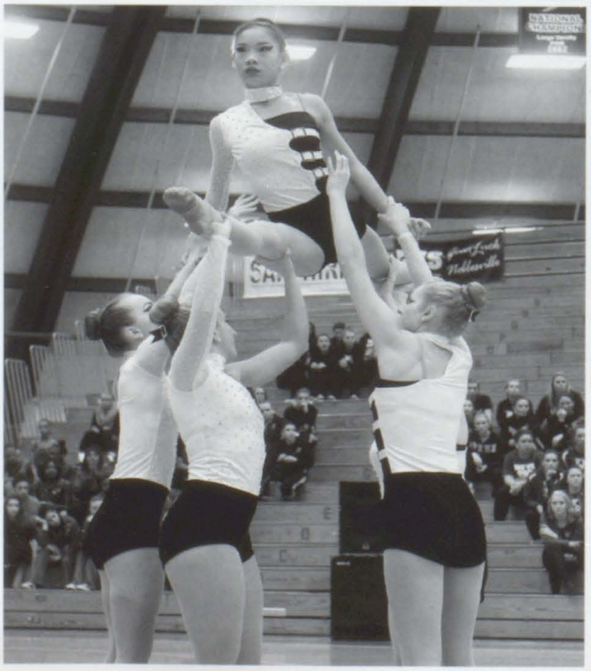
- + bun donut
- + costumes
- + tights
- + dance shoes
- + pillow
- + fake eyelashes
- + hairspray/gel
- + phone/charger
- + coloring book
- + 94 pack of crayons

Sources: Meredith Simmons, senior, and Sara Wilson, junior

TURNING TO THE TOP Trying to perfect their turns, Skyler Gronkiewicz, sophomore, and juniors Jackie Dye and Katie Weining spend hours practicing their routines in the dance room in hopes to have their best season yet. "We practiced our turns and jumps a lot in order to make them as strong as possible," Gronkiewicz said. "It really helped us out once we got to Nationals because we came out with a strong Pom Performance."

TOGETHER AS ONE Posing in unison, the Dance Team performtheir Pom routine at the Munster Invite. "My favorite part of my Pom dance because I had a lot of energy," Catherine Tavitas, senior, said. "That's the part of the dance where we did all the tricks, too."

RISING TO THE TOP With concentration and intensity, Melissa Fronczek, sophomore, is being held up by her team while portraying the emotional character the dance required. "Our Jazz dance got off to a rough start," Fronczek said. "My favorite part of it was the intensity we had to give off. It changed between pained and angry throughout the dance."



Mia Castro, 11
My favorite sports memory was freshman year dance team when we got a costume with leather pants and puffy sleeves and we all laughed at it."

Brooke Newton, 11
All of the bus rides during soccer games and tournaments. We blasted music and played games the whole way."

Isabel Nieves, 10
One of my favorite moments was when I finished my mile five seconds faster than I did before."

Ari Lagunas, 10
One of my favorite memories at a sports game was when I got hit in the face with a soccer bass which made me quit soccer."

Mary Ellen Gilhooly, 10
My favorite sports memory is when we left school during the day for athletic training in Mishawaka."

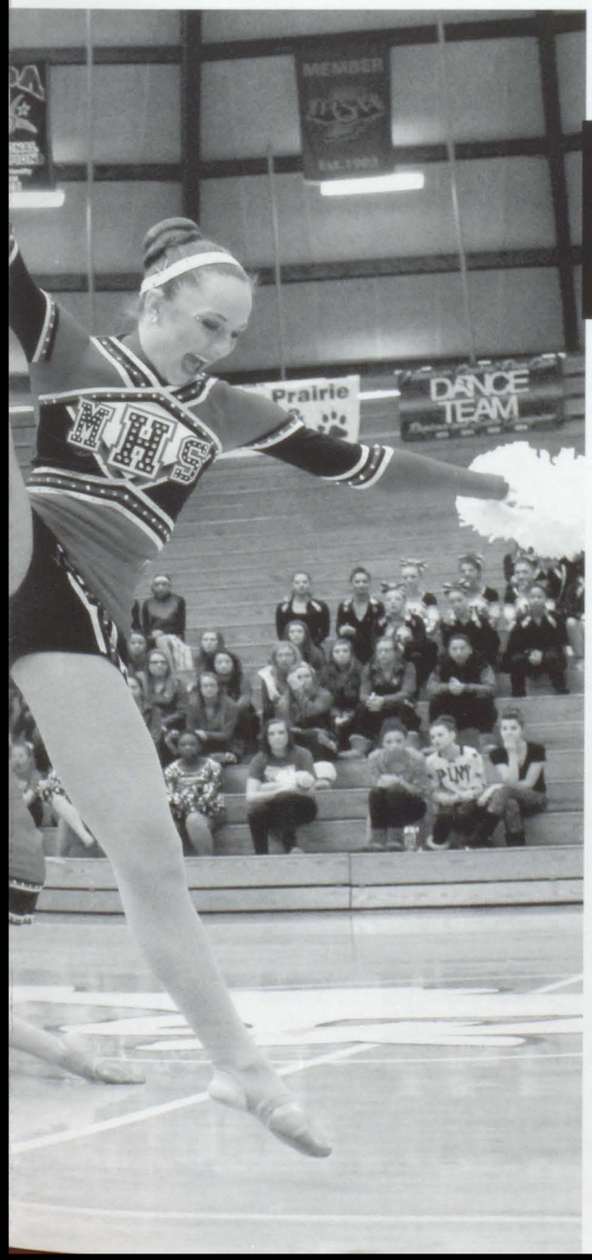
Brenda Yepez, 12
My favorite memory was when my friend Robin fell off the golf cart and flew down the track at athletic training."

Nick Gauthier, 11
My favorite memory in a sport is bonding and working with teammates toward accomplishing an overall goal."

POM PRIDE Arms in a high-v, Sugar Fane, sophomore, smiles wide to the crowd during a Pom performance. "My favorite dance this year was definitely Pom because it was a high-energy routine and a lot of fun to perform," Fane said.

PERFECT FORM At the Munster Invite, Jackie Dye, junior, performs her Ensemble routine. "All of us became really close throughout the year so the emotions when dancing felt natural and genuine," Dye said.

TRUST FALL As Katie Weining, junior, holds onto Melissa Fronczek, sophomore, the Ensemble dance team members work together at the Munster Invite. "We loved the dance because it made us all happy when we performed it," Weining said.



NATIONAL TREASURES

After qualifying for Nationals, the Dance Team competed in Orlando

FROM THE DANCE ROOM TO THE nationals dance floor located in Orlando, the dance team gave it their all throughout the season. In the end, they had an outcome that was better than they expected.

The girls worked on their turns in order to strengthen their skills

"To prepare for competitions we went over our dances every day for two to three hours," Katie Wiening, junior, said. "Our turns improved the most because we consistently worked on them at practices."

HITTING IT Leaping into the air, Stephanie Vjestica, sophomore, gave it her all during a Pom competition in the Fieldhouse. "Pom was my favorite routine," Stephanie said. "It was a fun dance with a lot of energy and it was a great feeling coming off the dance floor knowing we hit a strong routine."

After adding extra practices to the schedule the week before Nationals, the girls felt prepared to perform their Pom and Jazz routines in Florida.

> "We loved Disney and we could not have asked for a better venue to compete at. It was really amazing."
>
> **Meredith Simmons, senior**

At the competition there were three rounds the girls could have participated in: preliminary, semi-finals and finals. For Jazz, they did not make it pass preliminary. For Pom, however, the girls made it to semi-finals.

"It was really awesome making it to semi-finals because it was out of more than 50 teams, and it was rare for a first year team to make it that far," Sara Wilson, junior, said.

Kate Radde, 9
My first varsity game this year, I went 3 for 3 and was number two star of the game."

Rebecca Dodgson, 9
I play volleyball and my favorite part of the game is when I get a really good kill because I know right away how good it was and see the impact I make on the other team, my team and the parents."

Meagan Thornburg, 9
I am a softball player. I love being able to come together as a team and play well with each other. I also love that if you are having a hard day, take your anger or sadness out on the ball. It's the best feeling."

Josh Perez, 10
My favorite memory is the quality time spent in the locker room."

KINGS OF THE POOL

Boys' Swimming brought home 30th consecutive Sectional title

AFTER WINNING THEIR 30TH CONSECUTIVE SECTIONAL title, the boy's took a victory leap into Lake Central's pool, celebrating.

> "Our biggest advantage was our confidence. We felt strong from the beginning and it kept together for the most part right up until the end."
>
> **Joseph Gardener, senior**

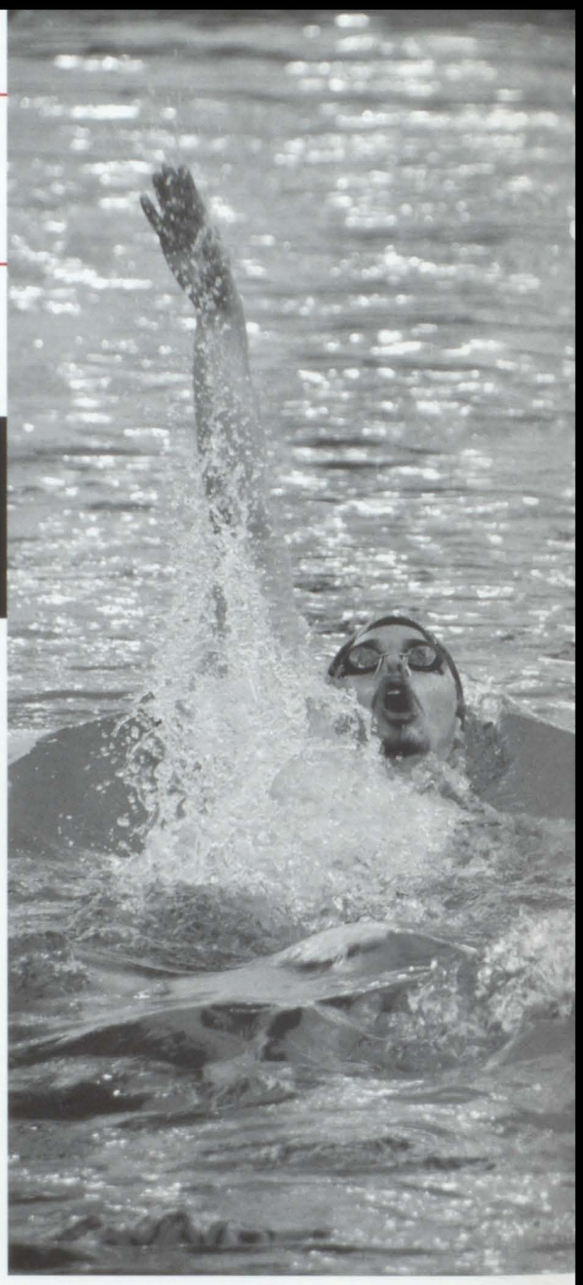
The team improved this year, breaking two conference records, two sectional records, and maintained their state record for 30th consecutive titles.

"This year at State we placed eighth," Gardener said. "We hoped to do better, but it was an improvement from last year."

Many went to State, but only five competed, including seniors Gardner, Colin Sroge and Wilson Beckman, Logan Armagast, junior, and Jack Wulf, sophomore. Beckman broke the State record for backstroke.

Swimming for Munster was not just about the title, it was about the team, swimming fast, and up keeping the reputation.

"(It is about) the history, no question," Beckman said.



BACK IN THE GAME Swimming his favorite stroke, backstroke, Wilson Beckman, senior, snakes through the pool. "Backstroke was my first State cut when I was 12, and it took off from there," Beckman said.

MIND BODY DIVE Diving into the water, Jacob Comanse, senior, flips head first. "The biggest challenge I faced when diving was keeping composure under all the pressure," Comanse said. "All the eyes on me did take a toll at times." However, the boys improved throughout the season, advancing to State. "Overall, the guys did great," Comanse said. "I placed at Sectionals, Regionals, and made it to State."

LEAP OF FAITH Ready to thrust himself off the diving board, Michael Johnston, sophomore, thinks about his next move. "The key to perfecting dives was repetition and having great mentors around," Johnston said. "My coach, Jacob Comanse (senior), and even all of the girl divers helped me when I would get stuck on a certain technique."

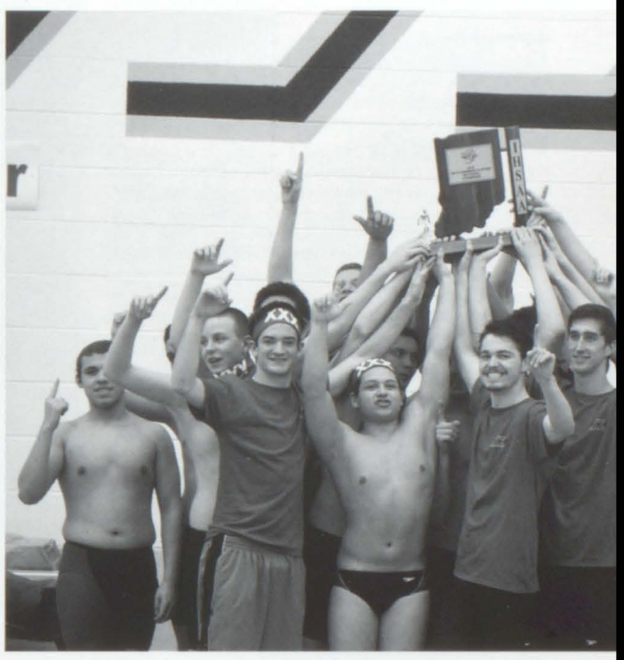
Chloe Moffet, 9
"It was probably sitting in the bleachers after (marching band's) halftime show (during football season) and feeling really proud of what we did."

Erin Gallagher, 12
My favorite memory from a sport was (when) me (and seniors) Melanie Krueger, Cayla Bales (and) Jessica Flores were on a morning run for summer (soccer) conditioning and we ran away and went to Melanie's house and had donuts. That's like the best memory ever."

Megan Eickleberry, 9
I don't go to sporting events, but one time I saw a kid jump over a table. Does that count?"

George Babus, 9
Not being in one."

Cruz Medina, 10
When Russell Wilson threw the game winning touchdown to Sidney Rice vs the Chicago Bears."



ON THE BLOCK Receiving high-fives, Wilson Beckman, senior, and Jack Wulf, sophomore, look over the past season and success within their strokes. "The key to perfecting (the stroke) was being competitive and making good choices 24 hours a day and 7 days a week," Beckman said.

RAISE THE TROPHY Celebrating with teammates seniors Joseph Gardner, Wilson Beckman, and Jeremy Gonzales hold up the sectional trophy. "The key to perfecting (the stroke) was having an experienced coach critique you," Gardner said.

meet the menu

Swimmers ate certain food before meets to fulfill their appetite and prepare the team for the upcoming race

Gatorade:

"Hydration was extremely important so I drank Gatorade before and during the meet."

Pasta:

"We had a tradition of having a pasta party the night before our championship meets. The theory behind this was to load up on carbs the night before, so your body could use the carbs during the meet."

Banana:

"Eating a banana before a meet would give you energy. Also, it would help you avoid cramping and soreness during the meet."

Source: Jimmy Svolos, sophomore

IN THE LEAD Taking the lead, Jack Wulf, sophomore, swims down the lane. "(My most successful stroke was) breaststoke," Wulf said. "(I perfected it) when my teammate helped me work on my turns."

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Anthony Gonzalez, 11
In the fall I was playing soccer for a recreational team in the last tournament and I saved the final penalty to send our team into the championship. We won after."

Mark Montella, 11
When Jamal Jenkins gave a Demetri Kounelis a concussion."

Marco Ivetich, 9
My first football game because I had never played before and I was excited to start playing on the team."

Cameron Jamerson, 11
I was at the BNI-Andrean game and Andrean's center hit the game-winning buzzer beater."

Hunter Zukley, 10
My favorite memory in a sports game is when I hit my first home run."

David Paunicka, 11
Once in middle school, I made a three pointer in the game, it's my favorite because I can't shoot."

TEAM UP With her teammates patting her back, Allison Cunningham, senior, participates in the walk-out ritual before she competes. "It was nice to know that when you're tired that (your team) is there to keep you boosted and motivated," Cunningham said.

GET YOUR CHEER ON Standing on the sidelines, Captain Audrey Mayer, senior, Bridey McGinty, junior, and Mary Bridget Baeza, senior, cheer for their teammates. "If you were to look at the side lines during a meet, most of the kids and coaches are swinging their arms like crazy, trying to tell you to go faster or kick harder," McGinty said. "Hearing your teammates at the end of your lane screaming for you in the middle of a race helps a lot."

UP IN THE AIR In mid-air, Captain Sydney Kawalec, senior, finishes her dive at the meet against Hobart. "I tried to visualize the dive and remember all the corrections I got from my coach," Kawalec said.

GOING DOWN Diving in, Taylor Brant, junior, competes at the meet against Hobart. "The most difficult thing about diving was always trying to be focused," Brant said.

AGAINST ALL ODDS

Despite remaining underdogs throughout the season, Girls' Swimming brought in the sectional win against Crown Point

ONLY NEEDING FOURTH PLACE IN THE RELAY TO take the Sectional win, the girls started the 400 free relay.

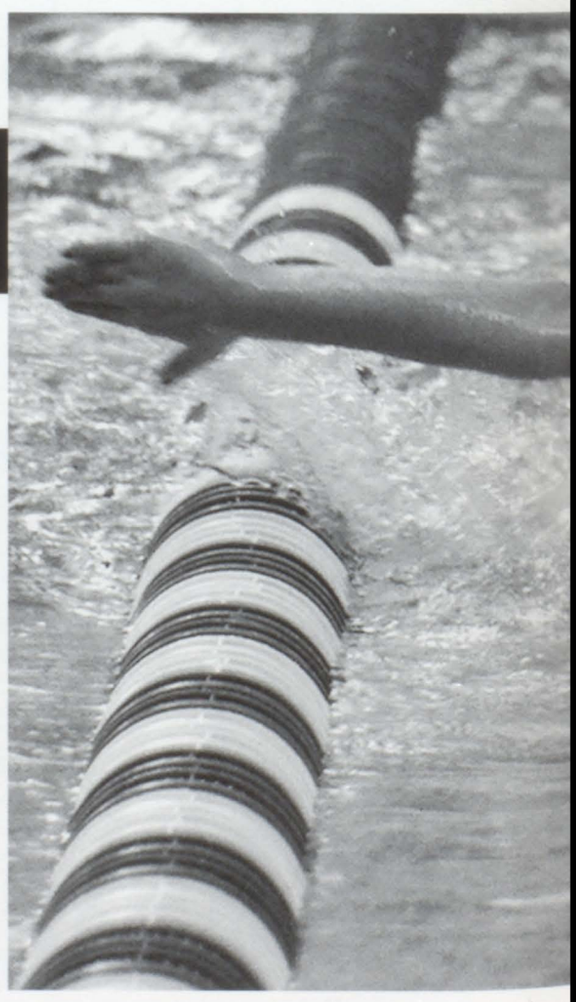
"The girls on the relay didn't know that we could've gotten fourth and still have won the meet, so we were all really nervous," Megan Wimmer, sophomore, said. "But the moment Allison (Cunningham, senior) dove in and got us a lead, we all knew we won a Sectional Championship."

Due to previous losses against Crown Point throughout the season, the girls did not hold high expectations of winning Sectionals.

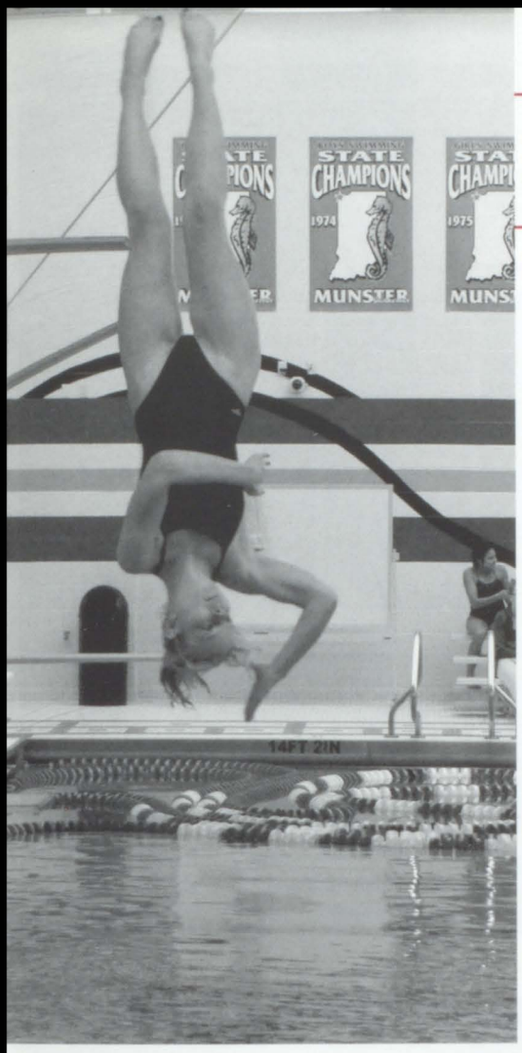
"I'd say our biggest challenge was definitely facing Crown Point," Captain Nikki Smith, senior, said. "Early in the season, (Crown Point) was looked as unbeatable and as the best, but once we got to Sectionals, we kind of realized they weren't that good and that we could beat them."

After their unexpected win at Sectionals, the girls moved on to receive 11th place at State.

"I would like to remember (this season) as a team that no one expected to do as well, but then we ended up pulling out something really awesome."
Captain Audrey Mayer, senior



SINK OR SWIM At the Conference, Mary Bridget Baeza, senior, swims the butterfly. "(My favorite part of swimming) is being with the team and accomplishing goals," Baeza said.



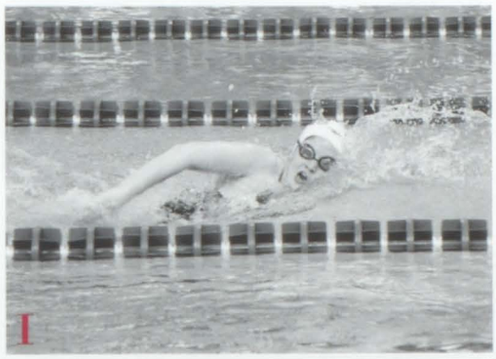
Paulo Campos, 12
The student section chants during the LC game."

Josh Perez, 10
One of my favorite memories is when I beat all of Griffith's swimmers."

Jolie Goldberg, 10
My favorite memory this year in dance was listening to music and getting pumped to perform with my team while we were getting ready."

Demetri Fotopoulos, 10
My favorite memory involving a sport was when me and my team won the Pan Orthodox Basketball Tournament in Detroit. We were huge underdogs and pulled off huge upsets."

the *strokes* The girls swam various strokes with each one having its own advantage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1. "I liked swimming freestyle because it's a sprint and it feels smooth. It was difficult because it can be hard to pick up a pace and start to feel strong."
— **Captain Audrey Mayer, senior**

2. "I liked (backstroke) because you could breathe anytime you wanted, and you could really feel the power with your stroke."
— **Megan Larson, sophomore**

3. "Butterfly (is my favorite stroke) because it was the stroke that I had been doing the longest and knew the best."
— **Captain Nikki Smith, senior**

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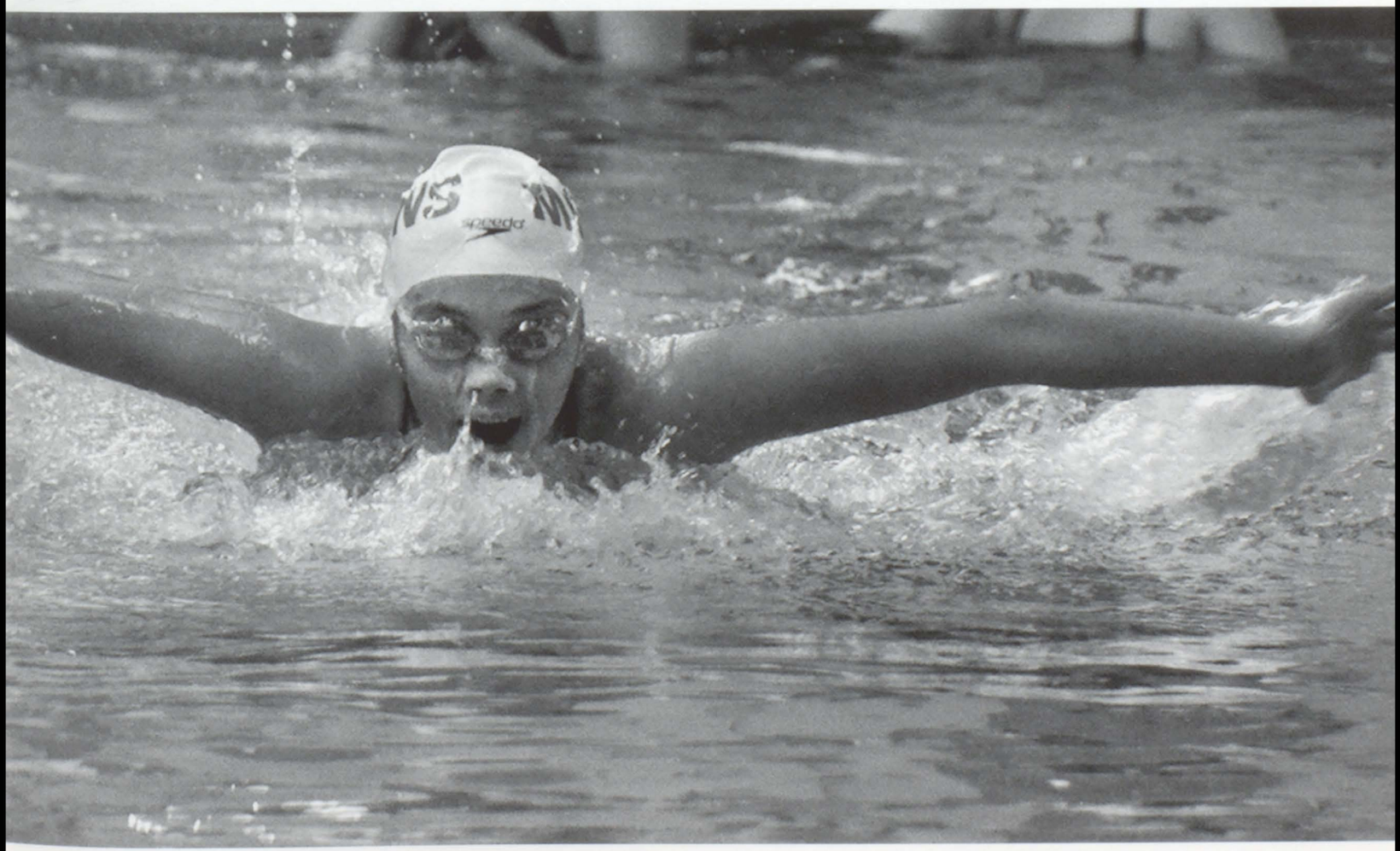

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Ari Lagnas, 10
My favorite memory from playing softball was watching Abby Kiesling trip over first base."

Richard Greep, 12
Hanging out around the field with my friends."

Daniel Cappo, 11
Getting to meet new people"

Ezekiel Clark, 10
My favorite memory at a sports game was being in the student section when Drew Hackett scored 51 points in the basketball sectional championship game to upset East Chicago Central."

TWISTED AFFAIRS Finishing off a move that is called a turk, Caleb Thomas, freshman, concentrated on his technique and gaining the points for completing the move. "My favorite part of wrestling is the thrill of throwing people," Thomas said.

HOLD BACK Bending his opponents arm behind his back, Jason Crary, sophomore, achieves the move known as the armbar. "Wrestling has taught me a lot of important life lessons," Crary said. "It empowers your mental and physical strength."

BENDING BACKWARDS Finishing a move on his opponent, Dylan DeYoung, senior, looks to gain the necessary points to win the match. "I was looking to get the six points for a pin down," DeYoung said.

SECTIONAL TAKEDOWN

Winning just enough points, six wrestlers made the cut for Regionals

WATCHING THE WRESTLERS THAT WERE GIVEN BYES, other members waited to hear which mat they would have for their first match of Sectionals at East Chicago Central. As their names were called, each wrestler began their preparation, depending on how long it would be until their turn.

"We all trained hard for our Sectional matches. There was a lot of good competition there at Sectionals."

Dylan DeYoung, senior

After having a bye and a forfeit due to being seated first, Ryan Glasen, senior, took to the mat for his first match of the day against a previous rival. However, Glasen did not expect his opponent from Lake Central to put up such a fight.

"I got lucky because a foul was called on him for stalling and trying to flee the mat, which basically meant that he just kept running away from me so that I wouldn't be able to get a point before time ran out," Glasen said.

Glasen did not expect such a challenge since he was seated as a favorite to move on to Regionals.

"I was upset during the match because I beat him (the opponent) during our regular season pretty easily, so the match shouldn't have gone that far," Glasen said. "Then I calmed down and was just relieved I was able to come out with a win."

At the end of the day, the team came out with six competitors moving forward to Regionals.

"We were all pretty excited," DeYoung said. "I was pretty happy with the overall performance."

Dillon Pierie, 12
After our last second win against Lake Central... I became overwhelmed with emotion, and for the first time of my life, I cried tears of joy. It was the best feeling I ever experienced."

Abigail Jurado, 12
Being in Color guard, my favorite part was knowing that I was part of the big picture in the show and that without me, or anyone else, the show will look empty. so this gave me more motivation to put in my work in part of the whole team."

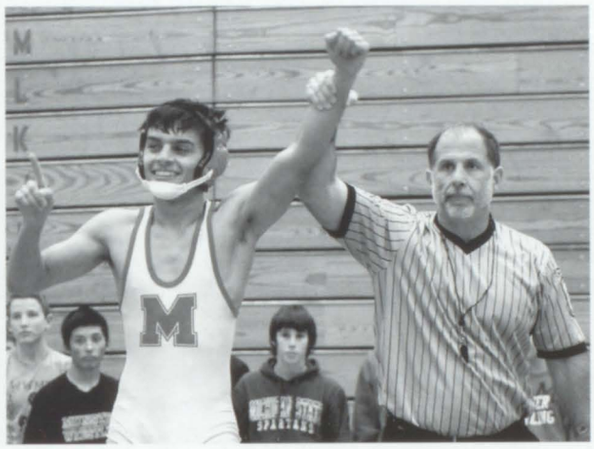
Calvin Leick, 11
It looks good for college."

Keegan Kisala, 9
It teaches you leadership and responsibility. You meet a lot of new people too."

Ari Sahi, 12
The memories and relationships I have built."

CHIN UP Receiving medical aid, Jon Fahey-Smith, sophomore, has his chin cleaned up and covered after an old mat burn broke open. "With mat burns, all you could do was clean them up and cover them and then just go back to wrestling," Fahey-Smith said.

WORKING FOR THE WIN Arms raised, Adam Kulam, senior, celebrates his victory after a tough match against Kankakee Valley. "During the whole match, all I could think about was how I worked too hard to lose," Kulam said. "The winner was simply the wrestler that wanted it more."



moving *up*

Continuing to the post-season, one wrestler went all the way to State

SEVENTH AT STATE

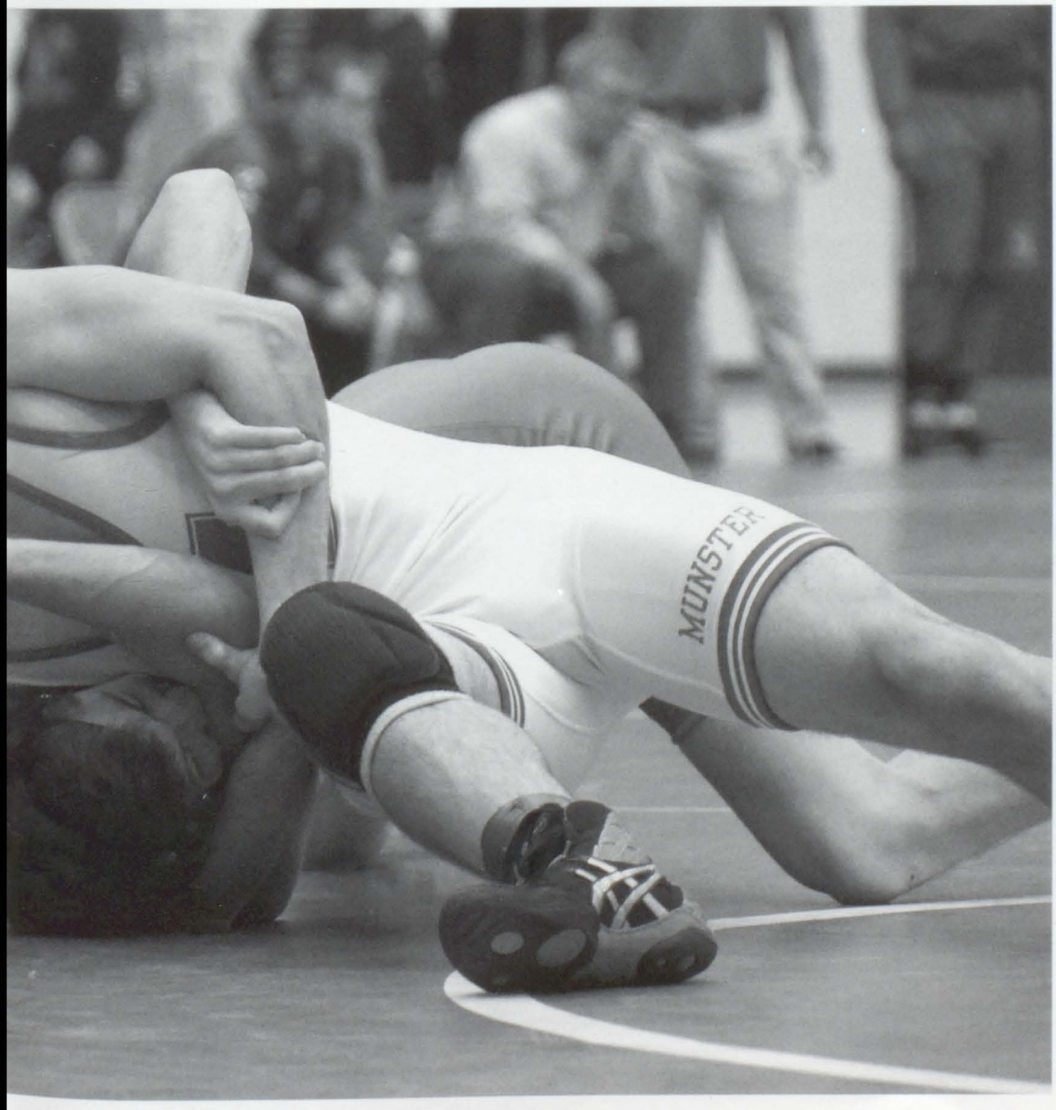
Jason Crary

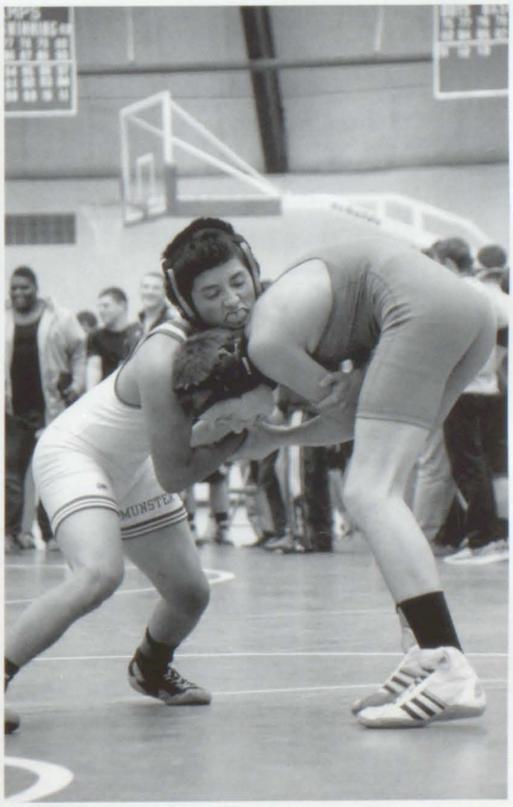
REGIONAL CHAMPS

Jason Crary | Cody Bertrando | Ryan Glasen

SECTIONAL CHAMPS

Jason Crary	Cody Bertrando	Dylan DeYoung	Ryan Glasen	Elian Magana	Adam Kulam
sophomore	sophomore	senior	senior	freshman	senior



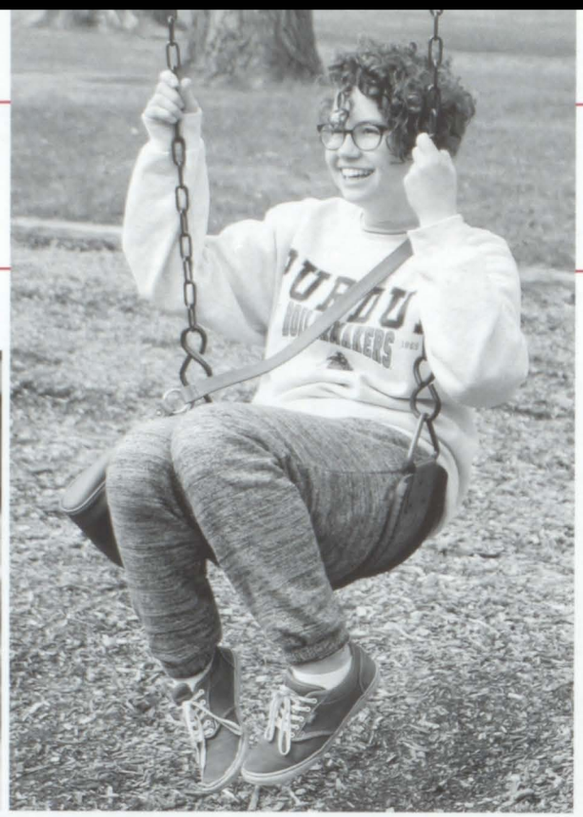


LOCKED DOWN Doing a pinning combination, Ryan Glasen, senior, keeps his opponent's head and arm wrapped up while putting all of his weight down on the opponent's chest, making it difficult to breath. "When wrestling, I focussed on what my opponent might have tried to do," Glasen said. "I wanted to limit his options so he could only do what I wanted him to, that way I could anticipate his next move."

CHARGING THE OPPONENT During his match at home, Sky Flores, sophomore, attempts to charge his oppenent, so he could get the upper hand.

Meagan Thornburg, 9
My favorite memory would probably be my first grand slam because we were in a tight situation, and I had pressure on me, but I saw my pitch and just crushed the ball."

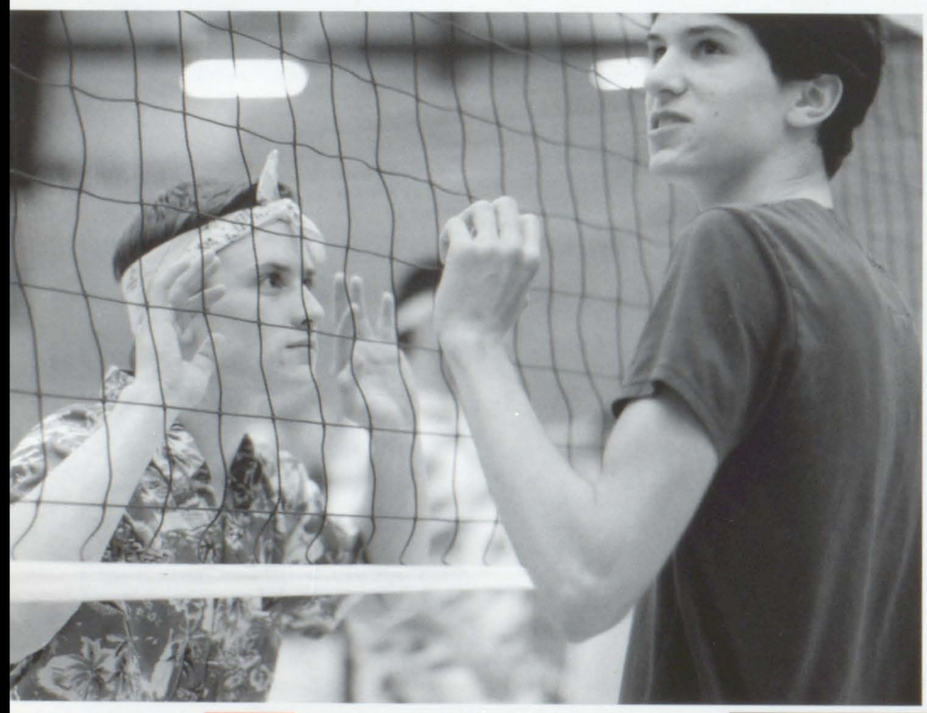
Steven Donovan, 10
My favorite memory (at a sports game) was catching my first baseball at a White Sox game."



Jay Foreit, 11
In Biddyball, after the opposing team's player made a deep three-pointer, I came up the court and made a 40-foot three-pointer right back.

RIDE SAFELY After fully losing her eyesight due to a surgical operation on a non-malignant tumor in the fourth grade, Ashley Breger, sophomore, found unique ways to enjoy her free time. She used a three-wheeled bike, which allowed for her and a partner to ride safely. "It allowed me to bike ride and I didn't have to balance and I was not alone," Breger said. "(I rode my bike) to get fresh air and I could feel the wind blowing me along."

SWING FOR ME As the weather warmed up and spring began, Emily Hammermeister, senior, often went to Grove Park to de-stress. "It was nice to get fresh air, especially when I was inside doing homework," Hammermeister said. "I liked the physics behind swing sets."



GET SERVED Just inches away from the net, Jake Helmer, senior, attempts to scare his opponent, Cody Reinsma, freshman. The two participated in an informal volleyball game, hosted by Student Government. "I thought volleyball was pretty fun and it was something you didn't play everyday," Helmer said. "You didn't often get a big group of people that were down to play, and my friends did it, too."

POINT BY POINT At the Student vs. Faculty basketball game, Nick Fromm, senior, tries to score a free throw for the students. "I wanted to show up all the teachers with my basketball skills and help up the students," Fromm said. In the end, the teachers won the game with a final score of 49 - 45.

RUN AND JUMP On March 11, the Boys' Track team hosted a dodgeball tournament as a fundraiser. Participants like Justin Gill, freshman, paid $10 to participate in the tournament.

Morgan Albritton, 10
My favorite memory was the fireworks at the homecoming football game."

Jack Strimel, 9
When I played football earlier this year and after our first win, the bus driver let us listen to rap the whole bus ride home. Everyone was having a great time."

Andres Bedolla, 12
Winning my very first swim meet."

Emmanuel Soto, 12
My favorite memory is being a two-time Sectionals champion in soccer."

Jigen Patel, 10
(My favorite memory at a sports game was) a buzzer beater by Derrick Rose to win a (Chicago Bulls) game."

Haley Hensley, 9
Hanging out with my friends in the pep band basketball games because we just got (to) have fun and pump the crowd and team."

broad *boards*

Find out why students that boarded used longboards, skateboards or pennyboards to travel around town

2 "I used to play 'Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2' a lot when I was little, so that just kind of got me into **skateboarding**. I continued to skate because it was great fun." - Alex Ramirez, sophomore

1 "I liked **longboarding** because I could easily ride solo. Longboarding also influenced my style, I dressed in skate brands all the time." - Ricky Greep, senior

3 "(**Pennyboarding**) was a fun activity to do in the summer, and since it was so easy to learn, friends could easily join it." - Sam Szura, senior

FUN WITH FREE TIME

Whether it be an informal sport, a school sponsored event or an activity to do outside, students stayed active in their free time

AS THE 2:45 P.M. BELL rang, Jake Brown, senior, and Alex Ramirez, sophomore, quickly exited the building and made their way to the Munster Skate Park. Wearing their Vans and DC sneakers, the boys attempted to speed up and down ramps and to perform various tricks.

"I mostly saw (skateboarding) as a hobby since I started at 17," Brown said. "After school I would go into my garage and practice tricks I needed to work on, and I watched YouTube videos on tricks that I wanted to learn."

Both Brown and Ramirez began skateboarding because they felt inspired by watching professional skateboarders and videogames.

> "When I was younger I always wanted to do something that would make me work for success."
>
> **Jake Brown, senior**

"I saw a video on YouTube about a skater named, ironically, Jake Brown and he was skating at the X-Games," Brown said. "He fell off a huge ramp and got back up. After that I was determined to skate when I was older."

Ricky Greep, senior, also began skateboarding because other skaters influenced him. He originally started skateboarding and branched into other skating fields, like longboarding.

"I found out I could go farther and faster on a longboard, so I got one and I haven't looked back since," Greep said. "It relaxed me. It got me moving and gave me time to think out problems and listen to music."

GET SOME AIR TIME Outside of his house, Ricky Greep, senior, practices flipping on his skateboard. "I began skating because I saw the way these pros pulled off tricks and I just went, 'I got to try that,'" Greep said.

KICK AND FLIP Legs in the air, Jake Brown, senior, practices a heel flip at the Munster Skate Park. "(When I did tricks) I didn't think at all," Brown said. "I cleared my mind and focused on what I wanted to do."

RAMP READY On top of a ramp, Alex Ramirez, sophomore, and Jake Brown, senior, discuss different ways to speed down. "I skated with a Plan B board and thunder trucks," Ramirez said. "I practiced skating by just going to the park and trying everything I knew."

Casey Boelt, 12
Sophomore year, (during the annual water balloon fight for track) I accidentally hit (Mr. Rick) Sluder (social studies teacher) really hard."

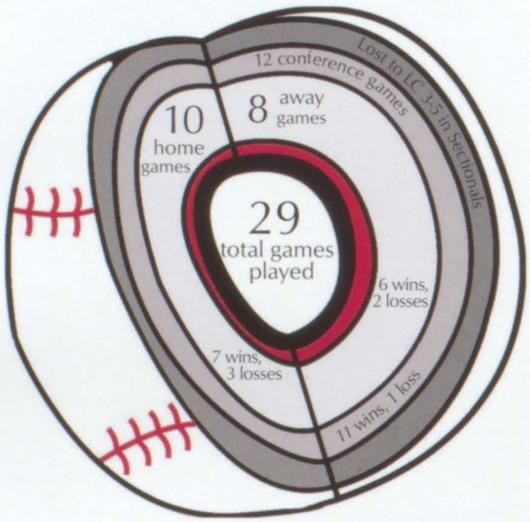
Katie Szakacs, 10
I liked being able to come together as a team and working to win things and becoming a family with the team."

Roxie Pugh, 12
At one of the football games I wore flats and was freezing, but it was a really fun game."

Megan Zabrecky, 11
When the Boys' Basketball team beat East Chicago at the Sectional Championship. Everyone was into the game and it was a lot of fun. It was really hyped."

in the *ballpark*

The team's season came to an end in the first round of Sectionals, losing against rival Lake Central



THOU SHALL NOT STEAL Throwing the ball back to his pitcher, Alex Mis, junior, catches during the game against Clark. "Both the pitcher and I had to think about the previous bats and what the count was when deciding on what kind of pitch he should do," Mis said.

RUNNING BASES In the game against Clark, Andrew Jumonville (2), sophomore, makes the run to first after hitting the ball. "When I was up to bat, I liked visualizing myself hitting the ball square," Jumonville said. "And then on the run to first, I tried to focus on running hard and also where the ball had gone."

CELEBRATING AT HOME Going up to Captain Tommy DeCero (3), senior, teammates Andrew Jumonville (2), sophomore, and Jimmy Delis (10), senior, congratulate DeCero after making it to home base in the game against T.F. South at home. "During games, it was important to get the guys to show up and do what they needed to do," DeCero said.

A PITCHED BATTLE

Coming out with the win, the team seized Coach Bob Shinkan's 600th win in a close game against T.F. South at home

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SIXTH INNING, the team was tied against the T.F. South Rebels with a score of 8-8. Looking for the win, the team went up to bat, keeping in mind that this win could be math teacher Coach Bob Shinkan's 600th win.

"We jumped out to a big lead, but then the team went cold," Coach Shinkan said. "We made some uncharacteristic calls, but ended up having the winning run in the bottom of the sixth."

Looking to make the win for their coach, the team worked together and took back control of the game to come out with the win.

> "We needed to keep our heads in the game and play defense. We needed to know in our heads that we could pull out the win."
>
> **Captain Tommy DeCero, senior**

With years of coaching behind him, Coach Shinkan had seen a lot of teams play well together, but none close as this one.

"This team was like a family," Coach Shinkan said. "I enjoyed coming to the practices and games and the way they came out ready to play made me proud as a coach."

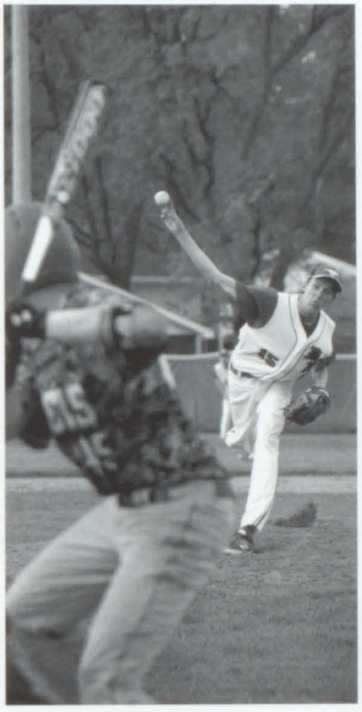
GAME FACE Delivering a pitch, Grant Rademacher (5), senior, pitches in the game against Hobart. "I always looked to my catcher (Alex Mis, junior) to send the signal," Rademacher said. "I would usually go for the pitch to be low and away."

Kyle Snyder, 9
Once at a baseball game, the batter let go of the bat. It went into the stand, and my dad caught it."

Victoria Williams, 9
When our dance team made it to State."

Blake Gardiner, 10
When we made it to the Semi-finals in State for Hockey. Even though we lost, it was the most intense game I had ever played."

Bradley Sikora, 11
When I saw my older brother (Alex Sikora, '13) win Sectionals at home. It was cool to see my brother win his senior year (I was a freshman)."



THROWING IT OUT THERE Releasing the ball, Michael Madura (15), sophomore, pitches in the game against T.F. South. "I focused on throwing strikes and getting guys out," Madura said. "Before the games, I would prepare myself by listening to music to get me in the zone on the way to the game, and then when I got to the field, I would completely clear my mind and just think about the game."

IN IT TO WIN IT Receiving a gift from his team after they won their game against T.F. South, Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher, takes the present out of its box. "The gift was a keepsake the team had gotten for me for my 600th win," Coach Shinkan said. "It was a real nice trophy, and I really appreciated the gift."

GOOD THROW Beginning his pitch, Bret Miller (27), senior, focuses on getting a strike out in the game against Bishop Noll. "When I pitched, I liked knowing that I was in control of the game, and that my actions could win the team the game," Miller said.

RIGHT OFF THE BAT While up to bat against Andrean, Alex Mis (7), junior, hits the ball toward the left field. "When I was batting I would try to focus on getting on first base and not getting out," Mis said. "I would just try to hit it wherever the pitch was thrown."

Jeffery Stoll, 11
When I fell asleep with a donut box on my chest on the bus after coming back from a soccer tournament."

Kayleigh Yaeger, 10
Winning Conference in soccer because even though it was a really ugly day, everyone on the team came out to win."

Camden Seput, 11
Watching Nik Kajmakowski (senior) score a goal against Lake Central during one of our Sectional games."

Margaret Vaikus, 10
My favorite memory was walking out to the Canadian National Anthem at Sectionals. It was Pav's (Mr. Matt Pavlovich, swim coach and physical education teacher) idea."

Isabella Servi, 9
At a Railcats game last summer, my brother caught a fly ball."

Eric Salzeider, 10
I enjoyed beating our rivals, Lake Central, in basketball."

thinking *out loud*

Members of the golf team shared their thoughts before they took their first swing

- "I thought about my next shot and attacking the pin."
  Merrick Lieser, freshman
- "I took a deep breath and thought about the angle I needed to hit my ball."
  Joshua Novosel, freshman
- "Just don't miss the ball."
  Adam Ostoich, senior
- "I imagined hitting the right spot on the club so that my body would do the same."
  Eric Picard, junior

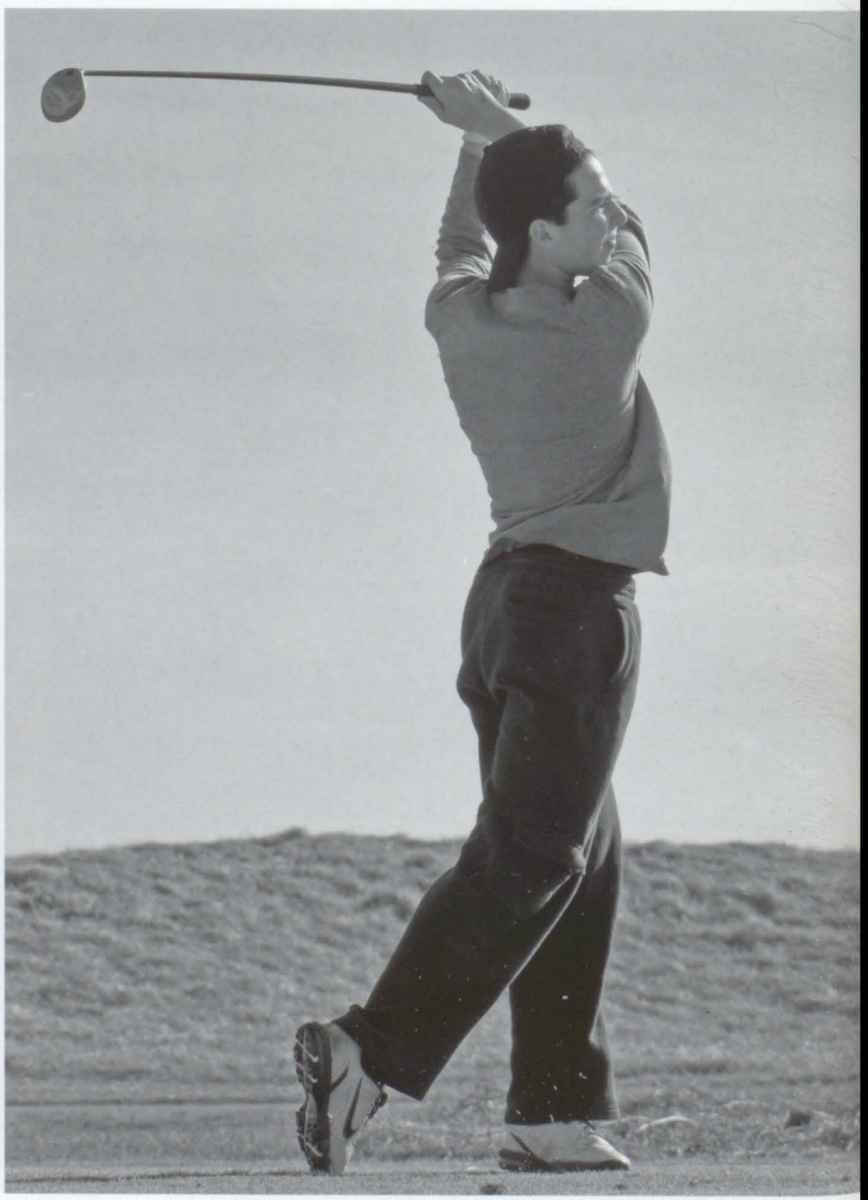
ON THE MOVE Making his way to the next hole, Louie DalleCarbonare, freshman, looks at his scores. "When I was cut from the baseball team, Mr. (Bill) Smitka (social studies teacher) offered me a chance to try out for golf," DalleCarbonare said. "It's a new start in an amazing sport."

TALLYING UP Pencil and notebook in hand, Merrick Leiser, freshman, keeps track of his own scores and some of his teammates. "I tried to play a positive role on the team and play to the best of my ability," Leiser said. "Golf is a pretty independent sport, but you still have to be a good teammate."

IN FULL SWING Out of the sandpit, Drew Hackett, senior, models how to hit the ball in a tough situation. "This year I had to serve a lot as the example for the younger members on the team," Hackett said. "It was a lot of pressure, but it was awesome watching all of them improve on their own."

DOWN TO A TEE Showing Louie DalleCarbonare, freshman, how to properly swing, Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, had to teach many new, inexperienced freshmen. "We had to change a lot of our training to be more basic," Coach Smitka said. "As the season progressed, (new members) were able to catch onto things quicker."

EYE ON THE GREEN As a freshman playing Varsity, Joshua Novosel takes his turn at the Griffith match. "The hardest part about playing golf was balancing both the sport and schoolwork," Novosel said. "But I knew improving in golf took a lot of extra work."



Marc Levitan, 12
My favorite sports memory was when Munster won Sectionals in basketball, and we all stormed the court."

Austin Andello, 11
Going into overtime in soccer as a sophomore when Highland was beating us and we tied it up. We tied in overtime and I was chosen to take a PK. We won the game."

Lexi Pitsas, 10
Winning Sectionals against Lake Central in volleyball."

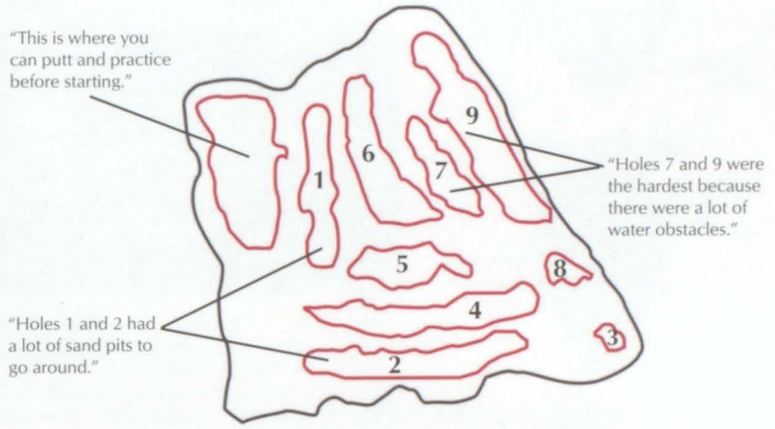
Megan Zabrecky, 11
My favorite memory was when the Boys' Basketball team won the Sectional Championship against East Chicago."

Rachel Tarpo, 12
When the Crown Point soccer game got rain-delayed, and we ended up beating them on their own senior night."

FINISHING FLAG After making the ball into the hole, Eric Picard, junior, adjusts the flag back into place. "The difference between competitive and leisure golf is that you really have to focus on every shot," Picard said.

where the grass is *greener*

Using Centennial Park for practices, Mike Marich, sophomore, described some areas and obstacles the golf team faced



Source: Mike Marich, sophomore, and Centennial Park Map

THE SWING OF THINGS

With freshmen filling up the roster, Boys' Golf adjusted their goals

WITH ONLY ONE RETURNING VARSITY MEMBER, chances for success looked unlikely, according to Adam Ostoich, senior. But it did not stop them from improving for next year, finishing with a 3-10 record and fourth place in Conference.

"We had a very young team of underclassmen come in this year," Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, said. "It was a huge learning experience as a coach and a player, and we had to adjust our goals a little more realistically. We focused our success more around improving than winning."

In order to improve their skills, new members on the team relied on the only returning varsity member, Drew Hackett, senior, to help them understand how to golf on a competitive level.

START FROM SCRATCH During practice at Centennial Park, Merrick Leiser, freshman, perfects his swing. "Since our team was young this year, there was a lot of pressure on the freshman class," Leiser said. "None of us knew what to expect since it was our first year playing competitive golf."

"It was pretty cool having them all look up to me like I looked up to members last year," Hackett said. "It made me improve by having to set the best example for them to learn from."

Despite the loss of many varsity members, they managed to win three matches with a team composed almost entirely of freshmen. By the end of the season, the team even matched the previous team's best score of 159 at the Lake Central Invitational.

> "It wasn't really the best season scorewise, but we were getting all of the underclassmen better prepared for next year, so we could be even better and more experienced."
>
> **Merrick Lieser, freshman**

The team then focused on Sectionals, where Hackett individually advanced to Regionals with a score of 81.

"The boys had improved so much throughout the season," Smitka said. "I'm confident they will be well-prepared for next year."

Jon Fahey-Smith, 10
My favorite memory this year was from track season when the throwers swept KV and Andrean at the dual meet in shot put."

MacKenzie Torphy, 10
I was at a swim meet and my bathing suit ripped up the butt, my friends had to hold a towel up to me to hide it."

Elian Magana, 9
My favorite sport memory was being at the LC vs. Munster game watching us win against one of our rivals was indescribable."

saving *face*

To decrease their chances of injury, pitchers and catchers wore masks

pitcher's mask

- thinner forehead padding
- lighter, less metal for face protection
- simple strap

catcher's mask

- thin forehead padding
- tighter, stronger metal
- chin protection and padding

Source: Juniors Melissa McCann and Kelsie Kasper

PLAYING CATCH With her mask on and the ball in her hand, Melissa McCann, junior, catches the ball after her opponent, Kankakee Valley, misses the hit. "My mask has saved my face from multiple reconstruction surgeries, so I like it a lot," McCann said.

THE WIND-UP Looking through her new pitcher's mask, Kelsie Kasper, junior, starts her pitch. "A pitcher's mask has less coverage than a catcher's mask," Kasper said. "The masks were designed to have minimum coverage, but still offer a great deal of safety."

CUTTING CORNERS With an eye on the basemen and the ball, Taylor Kotz senior, runs for home base. "In between pitches, I was always scanning th fielders to see where they are positioned on the field," Kotzo said. "Whe running the bases, I was always thinking two bases and trying to advance much as possible."

READY, SET, GO Keeping an eye on the ball after the pitch, Nicole Hov ard, sophomore, prepares herself for the hit. "Every ball that came at m was different every time," Howard said. "When a ball was hit to me, I don normally have time to think because the ball got to me so quickly, so I ju reacted to it."

Ashley Potoski, 11
My favorite game was when we wore togas to the LC game."

Daniel Zuccarelli, 10
USA vs Portugal and we tied with 20 seconds left in the match."

Amanda Osterhus, 11
(My favorite memory), was going undefeated in softball Conference this year; so far we are 12-0."

Qionte Sullivan, 11
I was in the band, the football team scored a touchdown and the band went wild."

Kinan Kudaimi, 9
There were two seconds left in the game, and I hit the game winner to send us to the championship."

Alexandria Shinkan, 9
Fouling out of basketball games and getting ejected from softball games."

PRACTICING PERFECTION While at softball conditioning, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, sophomore, practices her batting. "I was really excited for this season," Gilhooly said. "I loved everyone on the team and the game."

FIRST GOAL, FIRST BASE After making it to first base, Assistant Coach Kathleen LaPorte, family and consumer science teacher, high-fives Nicole Howard, sophomore. "The bond that I have with my coaches was what I have always dreamed to have," Howard said. "With Coach LaPorte, we always messed with each other especially at the beginning of the season because of Coach Thornburg's absence."

playing the *record*

The girls worked to make their final record as close to perfect as possible

13 VARSITY PLAYERS

1 FRESHMAN VARSITY PLAYERS

2 SOPHOMORE VARSITY PLAYERS

7 JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYERS

3 SENIOR VARSITY PLAYERS

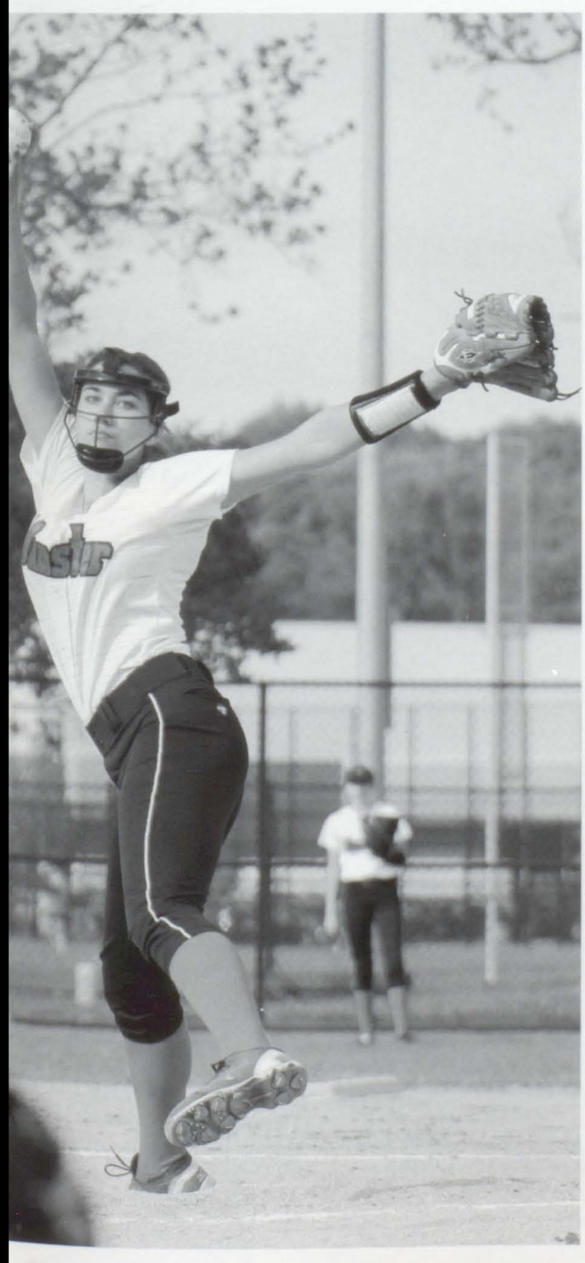
24 WINS

1 TIE

7 LOSES

13 - 1 CONFERENCE

Source: Softball roster and record



FACING THE CHALLENGE

Facing obstacles throughout the season, the girls worked together to make the most of their season

AS SHE DUG HER CLEATS INTO THE DIRT, her elbow raised high and tightly gripping her bat, Michaella Lorenz, junior, faced her opponent Lake Central. Ready for the pitch, Lorenz thought of how she can help get another win for the team.

After many ups-and-downs throughout the season, the girls were able to stay consistent winners throughout the season with a record of 24-7-1. One of the biggest challenges the team faced was having Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, family and consumer science teacher, step in for Mrs. Beth Thornburg, math teacher, as head coach due to a medical emergency,

"In the beginning, we were not as solid defensively," Lorenz said. "But now, I think we are much stronger than we were."

They started off with an absent head coach and trudged through the losses. The girls worked to make the most of the season for not just themselves but for their coach, according to Amanda Osterhus, junior.

> "It was always disappointing when you lose a game because you put a lot of time and effort into preparing for the game and then you come up short. But there's always something to learn from a loss, which made us better as a team."
>
> **Melissa McCann, junior**

ON TOP OF THE MOUND In the middle of a pitch, Amanda Osterhus, junior, focuses on her game against Chesterton. "I would block out the crowd and pretend that I'm throwing only to the catcher, and at no one else," Osterhus said.

"

Anthony Niemiec, 10
I've goofed off at a lot of the games, which is always more fun than actually watching it."

Andy Riddle, 10
I've barely ever been to the games, but I always enjoy watching the teams play."

Jalen Johnson, 9
When I watched the 2011 NBA Championship at home and the Mavericks won."

Alyssa Amaloo, 11
When the student section wore togas."

GETTING SERVED

Girls' Tennis trained throughout the season in order to get to State

FOR THE 39TH YEAR IN A ROW, GIRLS' TENNIS ACED their way to the top achieving another Sectional win.

"Going into the season no one knew what to expect because we lost three seniors from varsity, but we had been working really hard and were pretty happy with our performance and results."
Nikki Heiniger, senior

After beating Highland, Hammond and Griffith 5-0 in Sectionals, the team's new goal was to make it all the way to State. The girls had to step up their game when they began playing against more difficult opponents.

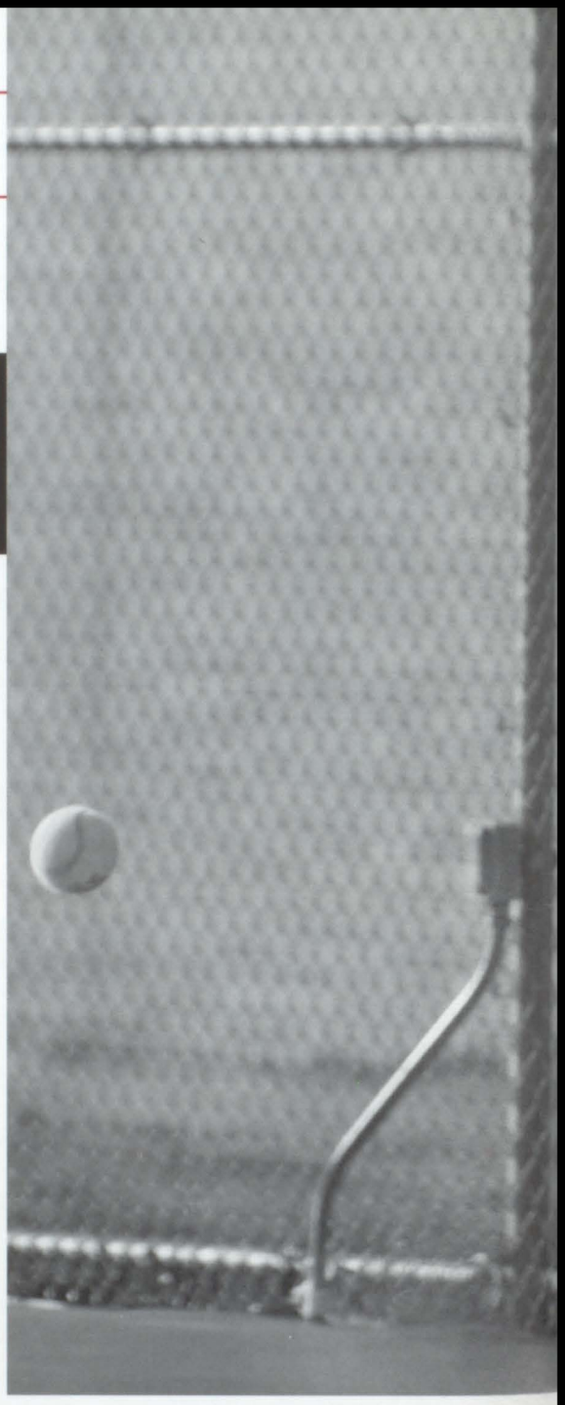
"Sectionals went very well for us, but matches became much harder later on," Anisha Vavilala, junior, said. "Crown Point was close as was our Semi-state opponents, Plymouth."

To help the girls achieve their goal of making it State, the team practiced six days a week for three hours each day.

"We usually just did drills with the coaches or played practice matches against each other with a little conditioning," Heiniger said.

The girls' hard work paid off after they placed second at State finals. The team beat Avon 3-2 and Bloomington South 3-2 but unfortunately lost to Carmel 5-0, costing them the championship. However, the team was happy with all of the hard work and passion they put into their matches.

"It was a huge accomplishment to have the opportunity to play at finals," Sara Ladd, sophomore, said. "We did exceptionally well and achieved our goal of making it to the finals. We played our best each match and got an extremely rewarding outcome."



MATCH POINT With her eyes on the ball, Nikki Heiniger, senior, focuses on returning a serve. "Returning a serve was a very important shot because I had to be prepared for the serve with good footwork and preparation," Heiniger said.

double trouble

Doubles partners discussed what they felt was most important when playing with a partner

Sara Ladd, sophomore
"I think that the most important thing to focus on was communication."

Anisha Vavilala , junior
"Keeping a positive attitude. It was easy to become down mentally because you got frustrated, but with a doubles partner, she helped to keep you focused."

THREE'S A CROWD Maddy Purcell, senior, focuses on working well together with her doubles partner, Anna Riggs, junior, while playing a set. "My favorite thing about doubles is that you either win or lose together," Purcell said. "It's really nice to celebrate a victory together but if you lose, you always have someone to tell you what you did wrong and how to correct that for next time."

Greg Scherzinger, 11
Celebrating after we beat LC in football (2014)."

Abigail Chronowski, 10
My favorite memory at a sports game was when the Volleyball team beat Lake Central."

Alex Mis, 11
Going 11-1 in conference and winning conference overall in baseball."

HELPING HAND Mid-discussion, Coach Patrick Spohr critiques to Maddy Purcell, senior, and Anna Riggs, junior, on their performance as doubles partners. "He always knew how to help us out when we were getting frustrated or weren't doing well," Riggs said.

FULL SWING Preparing to return a serve, Nikki Heiniger, senior, watches the ball soar through the air. "I loved the team aspect," Heiniger said. "Tennis was a very individual sport because unless you're playing doubles, you were all alone on the court. It was fun to have teammates by my side during the season."

MAKING A RACKET Her racket swinging high, Sara Ladd, sophomore, returns her opponents serve. "My favorite thing about tennis was the team," Ladd said. "Everyone was so supportive and encouraging which helps a ton. All of the girls and coaches were great, too."

CALLING THE SHOTS Leaping into the air, Nikki Heineger, senior, serves the ball during practice. "Serving was always the most important shot because it gets the point going and determines who will be controlling the point depending on how dominant the serve was," Heineger said. "We practiced a lot to prepare for matches. I have been practicing all year and, as a team, we prepared to make it past Sectionals and all the way to State."

tennis *terminology*

When playing tennis, certain terms were important to know

Ace	A winning serve which the receiver fails to touch with his or her racket
Deuce	A score of 40-40, after which a player must win two consecutive points to win the game
Double Fault	Two faults served in a row, resulting in the server losing the point
Game	In scoring, a game is won by winning points, a set is won by winning games, and a match is won by winning sets
Game Point	A point that will end the game if it is won by the leading player
Serve	The shot that begins each point, in which the server hits the ball after tossing it into the air

Source: https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/sports-tennis.htm

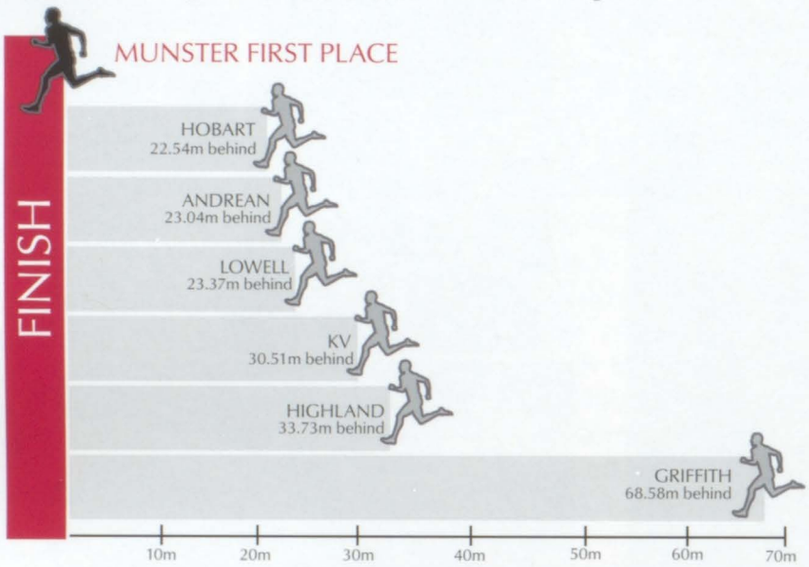
Adam Ostoich, 12
Beating LC in football and winning the basketball sectional championship."

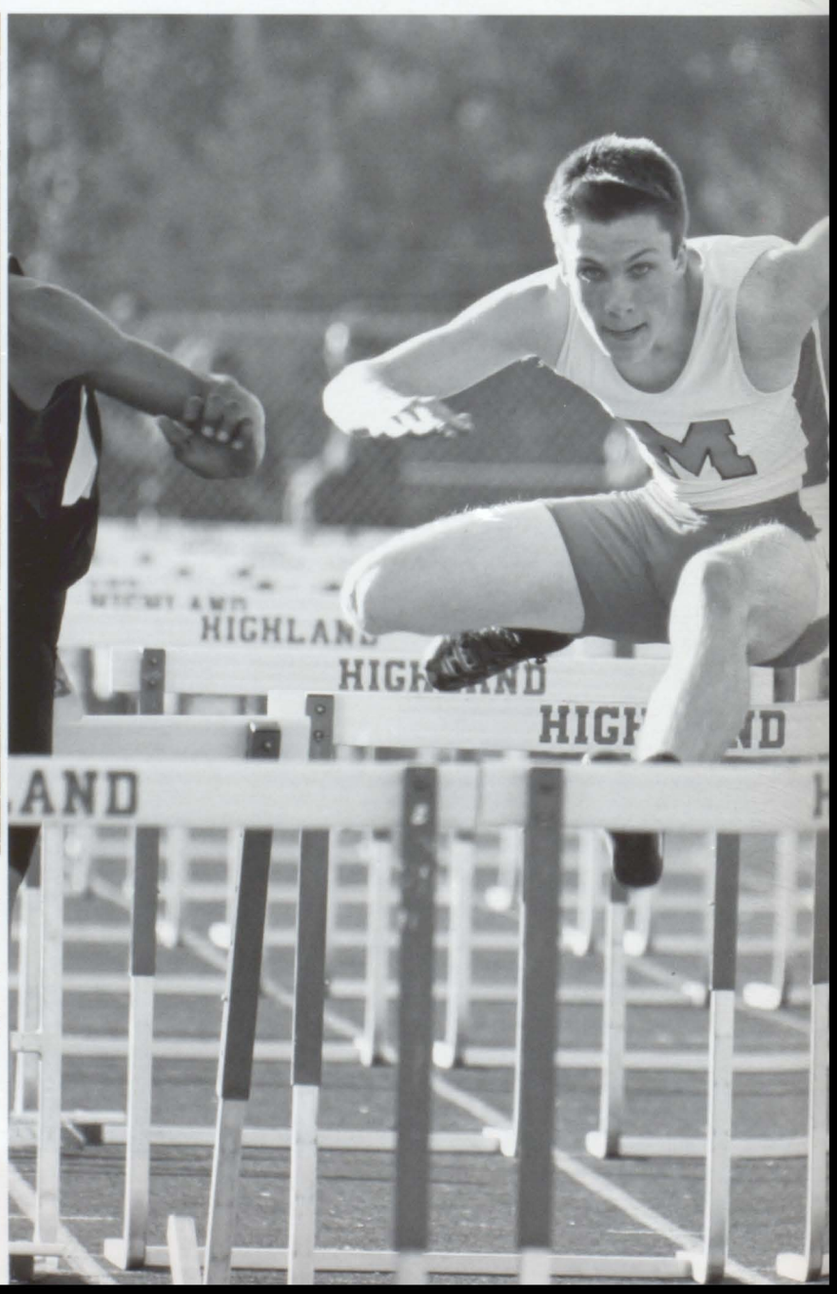
Camryn Fary, 11
My favorite memory at a sports game was the baby powder at the football game because it was cool and something I'll never forget."

Dominic Lucito, 12
My favorite memory from track was when the squad (Matt Marcus, sophomore, Miles Barilla, junior and Seth Gutwein, senior) had a roast time and well just make jokes about each other."

won and done

When the 4x1 relay team broke first at Conference following teams trailed meters behind





LIKE THE WIND Running around the bend, Kyle Jen, junior, grips the baton in his hand during the 4x4 relay. "(I) made sure that I was mentally and physically well prepared for my race so I wouldn't let my team down," Jen said.

WARP SPEED Full force ahead, Miles Barilla, junior, heads down the lane during the 100 meter dash, leaving rivals at Sectionals behind. "To be honest, I was usually really nervous, but I just focused on running my race and not on anyone else," Barilla said. "Once the gun went off, though, I didn't think about anything."

Miles Barilla, 11
The whole track season was memorable. At the beginning of the season, I could tell we had a great team. We won Conference, Sectionals and placed second at Regionals. Gigi (Urbaniak, senior) was also the best manager in Munster Track history."

Manny Lopez, 12
My favorite memory would have to be the pasta parties we had in Cross Country."

Dana Handler, 12
My favorite part was constantly being surrounded by people that motivated and challenged me to improve."

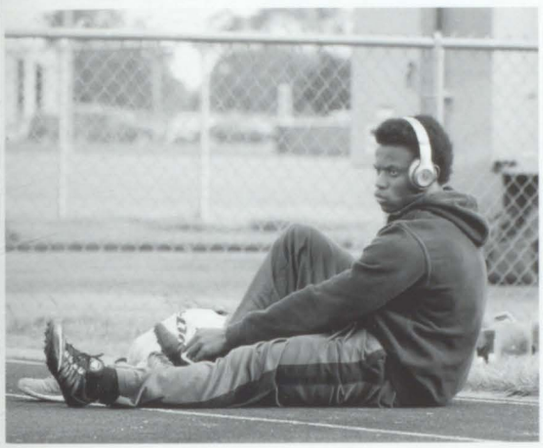
Antoine Van Dyke, 11
My best memory from a sporting event was a couple years ago when Notre Dame made two goal line stops in a row in the pouring rain to win the game."

Demetri Kounelis, 12
Winning Conference this year against Highland."

Carl Heheman, 12
It would have to be the hours of conditioning in the wrestling room at the middle school."

UP FOR GRABS Practicing the hand-off before the 4x1 relay, Jeff Proctor, junior, and Seth Gutwein, senior, toss the baton between their hands. "Our speed was already there and with perfect hand-offs, we could do big things," Gutwein said.

ON THE BRINK With headphones on, Jeff Proctor, junior, stretches and eyes his competition. "I usually just listened to my music and looked at all my competition," Proctor said. "I looked at them and just got mad, it pumped me up."



NO SPRING CHICKEN Jumping in the pit and clearing the bar, Clay Arnold, junior, grips the pole. "I cleared 13 feet. I did this by doing drills over and over and vaulting tons of times," Arnold said. "It is all just practice and getting the muscle memory down."

RAISE THE BAR Arching his back, Zack Simic, junior, clears the high jump bar at the sectional meet. "Before I jumped I tried not to talk to anyone, and I listened to music," Simic said. "Then right before I jumped, I visualized myself."

UNDER THE GUN

Boys' Track finished the season strong, breaking school records and placing various events in the top ten at the State meet

IT STARTED WITH A GOAL.

Track opened up the Boys' Sectional with a record-breaking 4x4 meter relay and they just kept going, placing ninth at the State meet.

"Something that really drove us to get better is the school record," Dominic Lucito, senior, said. "Ever since the start of the season we wanted to break the record (for the 4x1 relay) and now we have broken it a handful of times"

Proving that the glory was not fleeting, the relay team reached their goal several times.

They broke the record for the 4x1 relay for the first time early on in the season and for the last time at State, clocking in with a time of 41.71 seconds. This placed them fifth in the state and 39th in the United States.

> "Our 4 x 1 was so successful this year because we were all really devoted and dedicated."
>
> **Dominic Lucito, senior**

The team set a goal to be champions. Upon post season meets, the team took on the title of Conference Champions, Sectional Champions and second at Regionals, titles they have not been able to attain for several years.

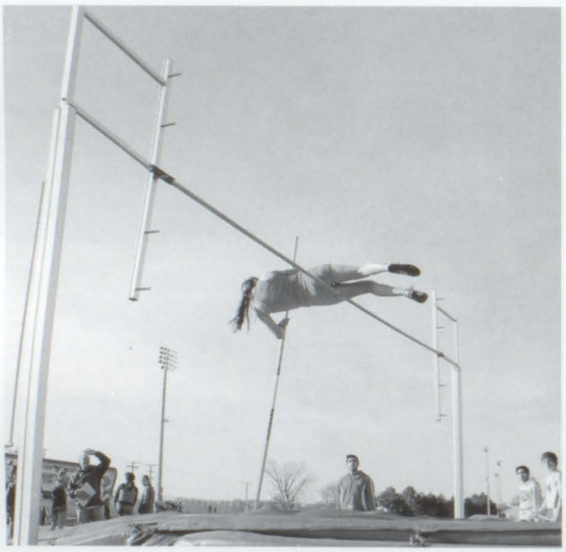
"It felt awesome to finally win as a team," Miles Barilla, junior, said. "Considering how hard we worked all season, we all deserved it."

Closing in on the year, the boys stood side-by-side on the podium with medals around thier necks at State.

ABOVE AND BEYOND Clearing the hurdle, Kyle Jen, junior, hops in front of his rivals at Conference. "It felt awesome to finally be the dream team that could beat them (Hobart)," Jen said. "I ranked fifth in the Region in both the 300 and 110 hurdle events."

Maria Sirounis, 11
The rich out was sick! #EDSFTG."

Ally Szakacs, 11
I liked toga night because the squad looked on point."

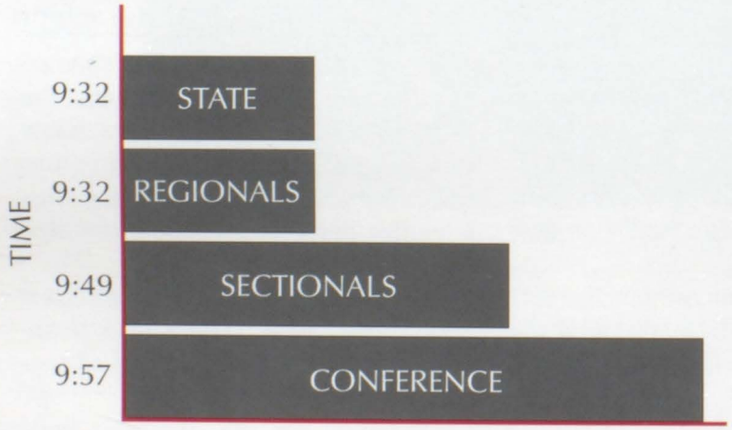


REGIONALS READY With a spot on the Regionals roster, Abbey Kapitan, junior, practices for the shot put competition. "It takes about a month to get back into shape," Kapitan said. "It only goes up from there."

BELIEVE YOU CAN FLY Soaring through the air, Jill Ylo, junior, pictures her landing. "I had to visualize what I wanted to do in my jump," Ylo said. "When I'm on the runway, I also have a 'thanking' ritual where I thank everyone and everything for allowed me to be able to pole vault."

only *up* from here

Racing their way from Conference all the way up to State, the 4x8 relay team lost seconds on each race, ending their season with a top time, 9:32



Source: Brittany Barajas, senior

TICK TOCK As she leads the rest of the runners in her race, Melanie Mooney, sophomore, checks her time to keep up a good pace. "I kept up my morale this season by constantly working hard," Mooney said.

Matthew Manous, 9
This basketball team is not a country club."

Vinny Misch, 12
I just hang out with my friends, maybe even watch a little of the game."

Cammi Stassin, 9
The games are fun to watch, but I'd rather sit at home and watch Netflix. Sorry not sorry."

Brandon Winter, 11
Watching Nik Kajmakowski, senior, score a game-winning 40 yard free kick against LC in the first game of Regionals."

FLY INTO SUCCESS

Girls' Track attributes their successful season to their teamwork

PERFORMING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL AT CONFERENCE, the reigning champions of Girls' Track attributed a lot of their success to both the incredible support of the upperclassmen as well as the incoming talent of underclassmen. Together, Girl's Track won Conference, Sectionals, and sent six athletes to the Regionals and State.

> "We had a lot of freshmen and sophomores coming who were naturally athletic. I think this was the most talent that we've had all year."
>
> **Toni DalleCarbonare, senior**

Upperclassmen supported the underclassmen both on and off the field by pushing them to work a little bit harder, to practice a little more and to give everything they had. It never mattered which event or race they were in because together, they were truly a team, according to Abbey Kapitan, junior.

"We meshed really well together as a team," Corin Erwin, sophomore, said.

This support even helped Erwin land fourth place in high jump at State. The immense talent of the underclassmen was appreciated by the upperclassmen, according to DalleCarbonare. The team accredits their Conference championship to motivation from each other and Coach Richard Sluder, social studies teacher, according to Erwin.

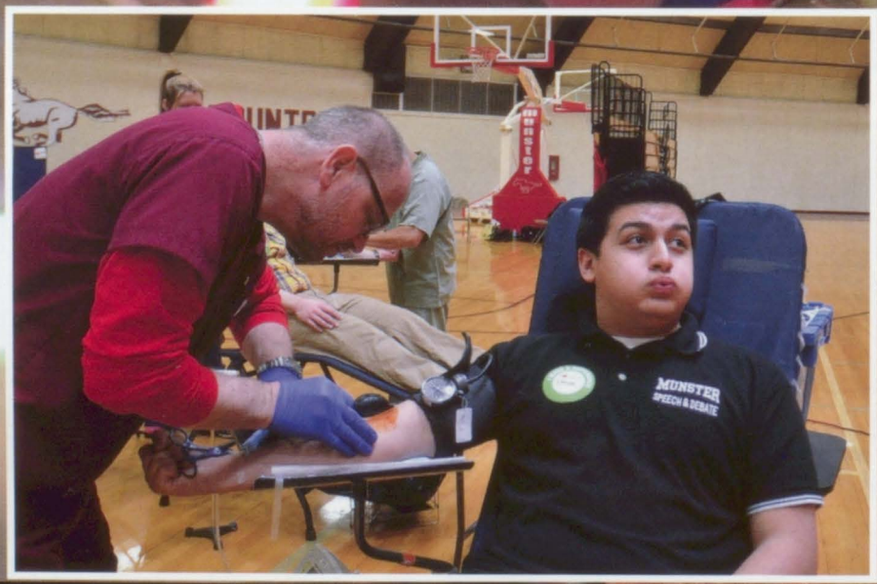
"They have a way of putting you in a mind set of, 'I can do this.'" Erwin said.

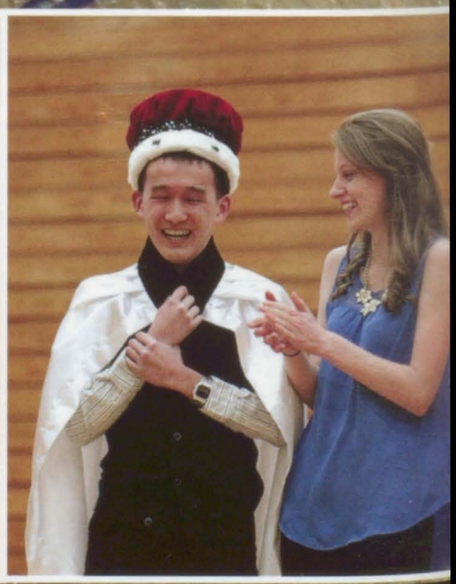
HIGHEST HEIGHTS Preparing for the State competition, Corin Erwin, sophomore, practices high jump. "There was such a long approach that had to be fine-tuned, so I always changed it up, even by an inch," Erwin said. "With fluctuating heights (of the bar), it could always get better."

KEEPING PACE Sprinting to the finish line, Sammi Buvala, junior, focuses on every step she takes. "I kept that energy up all the way throughout the race," Buvala said. "I made it a goal to better my time with each race."

WORDS OF WISDOM Moments before her race, Zola Carter, junior, talks to her teammate Haley Collison, junior. "We motivated each other by giving each other speeches—just encouraging each other," Carter said.

HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS Finishing another race, Captain Brittany Barajas, senior, high-fives Olivia Foley, freshman. "We always motivated each other and supported each other," Barajas said. "They really can achieve great things."

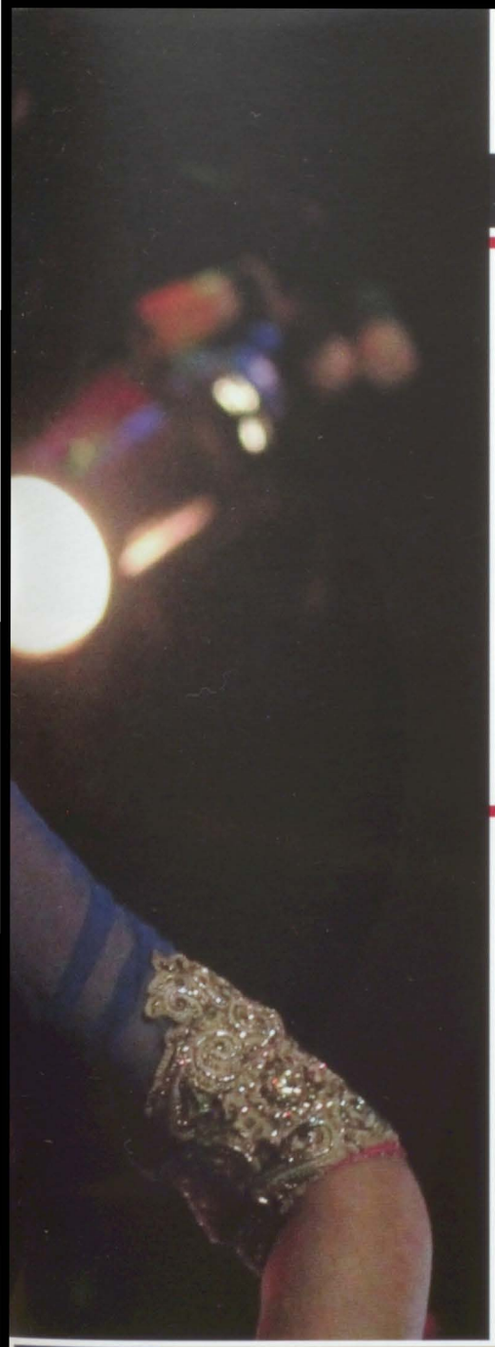




“What was your favorite memory at a school event?

Paragon asked, and you answered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

ALL OF THE LIGHTS With one hand on her hip and the other behind her head, Hansa Vavilala, freshman, danced with her cultural group HUM at Battle of the Bands under the bright stage lights and smoke. “It was an amazing experience to bring Indian culture to the Munster stage with some of my best friends,” Hansa said.



LIVING IN THE MOMENT

We did not have to wear the most expensive dress. We did not have to be the most captivating on stage. We did not have to wear the most eye-catching costume.

We just had to be fearless.

Whether we spent money on a designer prom dress or borrowed a dress from a friend, we did not stop dancing. We united together for good causes, whether it was just for fun or trying to cure a disease. We didn't need to tweet every joke or film every dance as long as we had each other to experience the moment together. It started with us buying tickets to the show. It started with us leaving our inhibitions behind to show off our dance moves.

It started with living in the moment.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Eyes peered over the towering hairstyles looking towards the stage upon which the Prom Court stood. The music came to a halt, and few voices echoed in the silence. Weeks of anticipation led up to the announcement of king and queen. Faces lit up with smiles and cheers as students celebrated seniors Kevin Fuhs and Emily Hammermeister as royalty.

The crew spent days building the intricate set; the cast spent weeks memorizing the script; the directors had sleepless nights making defining decisions. Together, the Munster Theatre Company performed the last show of the season. Amidst the nostalgic tears and smiles that created the magic around their production of *Beauty and the Beast*, the cast and crew said goodbye to their departing seniors.

DON'T LOOK Trying not to watch as a needle gets inserted into his arm, Ethan Courtney, senior, donates blood during the annual Student Government Blood Drive. "There were a lot of sick people in the world," Ethan said. "I am someone who is healthy and young, so I thought 'why would I not want to help people?'"

KING OF THE CASTLE Moments after Andy Chen, senior, was crowned Turnabout King, he and his date, Hayley Kwasniewski, senior, smiles and celebrates as the crowd cheered. "I was really proud of him and happy for him," Hayley said. "I was relieved (when he won) because I knew how much he deserved it."

BE OUR GUEST Kicking their legs, seniors Rachel Jamrose, Allison Hemingway and Rohan Chatterjee perform in *Beauty and the Beast*. "Lumiere is such a beloved and iconic character," Rohan said. "I was so excited to create something that was original and my own, while still being faithful to the character."

SUNSHINE AND SMILES Hugging each other in the hallway during Homecoming Spirit Week, seniors Allison Hemingway and Nia Clark wear Haiwaiian-themed costumes. "Spirit week was bittersweet," Nia said. "It was the time when my senior year started, but it was also my last spirit week, which I couldn't believe."

ALL IN A *WEEK'S* WORK

Throughout the week students wore different attire to accommodate the same theme for every grade

MONDAY

ALOHA HOALOHA* Gathered around, sophomores Nikki Katalinic, Kristin Osborne and Meredith Lee play their ukuleles on Hawaiian day. "I decided to dress up for Hawaiian Day because Spirit Week is something that unites the school, and I wanted to be a part of that," Nikki said. "My favorite part of Hawaiian Day was probably playing my ukulele in class."

*Hello, friend

TUESDAY

PERIODIC MADNESS Sipping water through her straw glasses during AP Chemistry, Quinn Harris, senior, participates in Nerd Day along with Danielle Hladek, senior. "I loved running to classes to see how all the underclassmen were staring at us," Quinn said.

TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE Showing off their pillow pets, juniors Bridget Caraher and Alexia Barraza take part in Twin Day. "I had so much fun during the day because we had classes together," Bridget said. "We would have our unicorns sit next to each other."

NERD DAY ESSENTIALS

+Tape for glasses
+High socks
+Nerdy dress shoes
+Button-up shirt
+Sweater vest

Source: Drew Adams, senior

WEDNESDAY

> "I wanted a costume that'd be really funny. I really like making people laugh, and I thought that'd be a good way to do that."
>
> **Hayley Kwasniewski, senior**

FEEL THE FORCE Light saber in hand, Hayley Kwasniewski, senior, dresses up as Yoda for Comic-con Day. For full effect, Hayley spent the day walking on her knees to go to class. "I actually still have scars from it," Hayley said. "It was worth it because everyone said it made the costume."

THURSDAY

'80s WORKOUT DAY ESSENTIALS

+Bright colors
+Leotard
+Tights
+Leg warmers
+Sweat bands
+Hairspray
+Scrunchies

Source: Ariana Hernandez, senior

TOTALLY RADICAL Stretching during contact time, seniors John Hulsey, Ryan Kritzer, Sean Pruzin, Billy McDunn, Sai Sripad Kodukula and Alex Sotiropoulos prepare for the annual '80s workout. "My favorite part was probably beating Alex Wisniewski (senior) in a push-up contest in (Spanish teacher) Señora (Florencia) Stoll's class," Sean said.

WE ALL *FLOAT* ON

Sophomores, juniors and seniors worked throughout Spirit Week to build floats for the Homecoming Parade

ALL WORK AND PLAY Laughing while working, sophomores Tim DeRolf and Melanie Mooney help pomp the float. "My favorite part about float building was probably hanging out with all my friends," Tim said. "The best part was being able to get something done but having fun while doing it."

EYE ON THE PRIZE Reaching over, Michaella Lorenz, junior, fills in an empty space on the float. For the first time in three years, the juniors won the float competition. "I thought we were going to win from the beginning, and when we did, I was like 'yes' because we worked so hard on it," Michaella said. "(My favorite part was) hanging out with people I didn't think I would hang out with."

IN HIGH SPIRIT

Students came together as they participated in Homecoming activities throughout the week

WHETHER IT WAS CARRYING PINEAPPLES AND ukuleles, running around the school with taped glasses and high socks, acting as a cheerleader for the day, lounging around in cow onesies or sporting afro wigs and spandex, students from each grade came together to participate in the week leading up to the Homecoming game.

> "Spirit week is there to show off your ridiculousness, and since everyone is showing off their ridiculousness, we're united in that way. Nobody can judge you."
>
> **Brianna Dittmer, senior**

CHEERING IT UP With his hands up, Lawrence Gaines, senior, cheers for the Powderpuff teams along with Milan Obradovic, sophomore, and Diego Alanis, junior. "Most girls are always cheering for the guys at sporting events, so I thought it'd be a nice change of pace," Lawrence said.

WIN FROM WITHIN Taking the lead, Kailey Potts, junior, steals the ball from her opponents. "(Winning) was a really good feeling because normally the seniors win," Kailey said. "We were really excited. We came together as a team and were able to organize plays."

"

+ '80s Workout Day was kind of like something you look forward to from your freshman year. It's a tradition that only the seniors get to do, so if you're a senior, why not do it?"
Dylan DeYoung, 12

+ Ever since freshman year, Nerd Day was the day that I was waiting for, and I've had it planned out for four years."
Jhoanna Sadural, 12

+ I won't forget Decades Day. It was just amusing to see the upperclassmen in all their 80s gear."
Jeanne Drwiega, 11

+ It was a lot of fun to do something cooperative with my classmates."
Patrick Wu, 10

+ My favorite part (about the dance) was the music that they played there because I really liked the DJ."
Gianna Fotopoulos, 12

+ My favorite spirit day was Comic-con day because it was new and everyone just did random costumes instead. It made class more fun."
Lizzie Fies, 10

+ (Spirit Week) was amazing because of Yiorgo (Karnezis, junior) and his mustache. I liked his cow."
Connor Meyer, 9

+ (Chicken BBQ Dinner) is a good way to get your face out there and show that Speech and Debate kids are dedicated and what we're really about."
Alex Bleza, 10

+ All the dancing with everybody was my favorite part of the dance. All the songs just gave a good vibe."
Alli Ashenbaugh, 10

+ "I was looking forward to this (Nerd Day) for three years. This is the most spirited we ever are."
Taylor Merkel, 12

+ (Chicken BBQ Dinner) was really well-organized, which is surprising since it's huge. It was very impressive, and I didn't expect it to be this way."
Kimberly Giannini, 9

+ I loved how the seniors did not have their specific days but how they still made it theirs. It was really great."
Camille Jancosek, 11

+ I hate Spirit Week."
Ruben Shehigian, 11

"My favorite part of Spirit Week was getting to dress up and how dress code didn't really apply throughout the week."
Sara Wilson, 11

I thought Lawrence Gaines (senior) dressed as Aunt Jemima and Sara Wilson (junior) dressed as Riff Raff were the best costumes."
Adrienne Lucas, 11

I thought it was really cool how the seniors still made sure they had Nerd Day."
Jimmy Slavo, 12

I loved Homecoming because it gave you a break from all the beginning-of-the-year stress."
Jessika Miller, 10

Getting to escort Zahra (Bhoy, senior) for the parade/pep rally. It was a really cool experience and I was honored that Zahra asked me to be a part of it."
Luke Milkovich, 12

This was the first Homecoming I went to that seemed like everyone was out dancing and having a good time."
Alex Samuels, 12

I liked Decades Day, everyone was just so funny-looking."
Lauren Russell, 11

"My favorite part was seeing everyone and all of my friends dressed up for the spirit days. It made school more enjoyable."
Nicole Howard, 10

I felt (the hockey team being featured in the parade) was different. People don't know much about us. They think it's a team sport, but it's a club sport."
Hannah Bailey, 11

Spirit Week was a lot of fun. I didn't have specific costumes for each day, but I felt like it didn't really matter. I still felt a part of it all."
Brigid McGinty, 11

My favorite part (of Homecoming) was the dance because there were a lot of friends."
Khavand Peddi, 9

Senior Spirit Week was amazing. When you're an underclassmen. You feel like it's not designed for you to participate in. It makes senior year that much better."
Maddie Switalla, 12

PEP *IN OUR* STEP

From Tug-of-war to Trivia Games, audience members participated in numerous games sponsored by Student Government during the Pep Rally

+ **Crowd Games**
  As a way to pump up students for the Pep Rally, Student Government asked questions involving the whole audience
+ **Water Bucket Pass**
  Using a sponge, teams tried to fill up the most water in their bucket
+ **Relay Race**
  Teams of five raced through various obstacles in order to win
+ **Tug-of-war**
  Grades faced off pulling a rope until one side crossed the middle line

ARE YOU MY MUMMY? Wrapping up Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, Student Government sponsor, Carly Peilet, junior, takes part in the Relay Race at the Pep Rally. "It was really cool to be a part of the Pep Rally," Carly said. "It was also fun because I got to wrap up Mrs. LaPorte in toilet paper."

BRING IT *AROUND* TOWN

Going down the streets of Munster, club members and court members took part in the Parade

CROWNING GLORY

After a week of spirit days, students took part in the Homecoming Day festivities

SASH AROUND HER, CROWN ON HEAD AND BOUQUET IN HAND, TONI DALLECARBONARE, senior, smiles after being crowned Homecoming Queen. After hugging Amber Caldwell ('14), former Queen, Toni turns her attention to the cheering crowd whose all eyes focused on her.

"It was really intimidating. Having everyone's attention made me extremely nervous."
Toni DalleCarbonare, senior

Soon after the announcer, Dan Green, senior, called her name, fireworks colored the night's sky to celebrate the crowning of this year's Homecoming Queen.

"I thought (the fireworks) were really pretty and a cute idea because it was something they had never done until this year," Toni said.

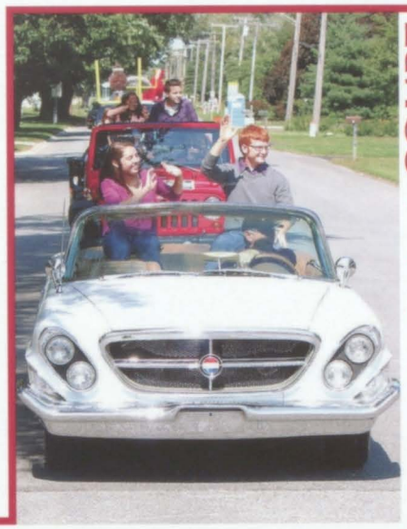
With no hard feelings about the results of the night, each Homecoming Court nominee happily congratulated Toni on her win.

"Being friends made it easier," Meredith Simmons, senior, said. "Everyone deserved it, and there were definitely no hard feelings."

HUG IT OUT After receiving her crown, sash,and bouquet from former Queen Amber Caldwell, '14, Toni DalleCarbonare takes a moment to hug Amber. "I was thinking I wouldn't want anyone else to crown me because we were so close and it was fun since both of us were volleyball players," Toni said.

CLUBS

+Cheer
+Dance
+Band
+Hockey
+Publications
+Robotics
+Environmental



COURT

+Brittany Barajas
+Zahra Bhoy
+Toni DalleCarbonare
+Allison Hemingway
+Julianne Rice
+Meredith Simmons

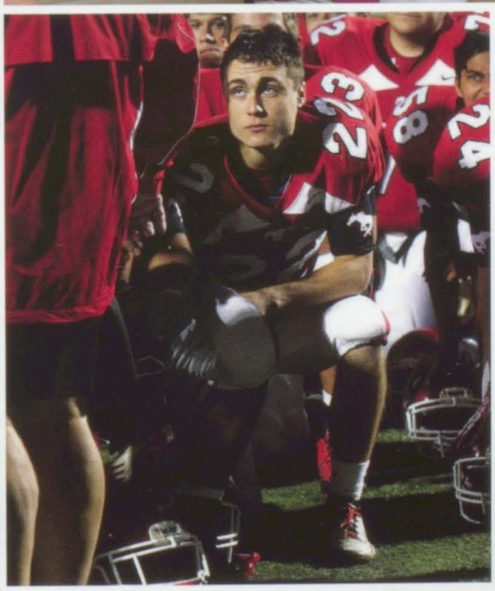
LOUD + PROUD Carrying a poster for environmental club, seniors Brianna Dittmer and Jamie DeJa participate in the Homecoming Parade. "For the parade, we were just trying to raise awareness for our club," Brianna said.

LIKE A QUEEN Waving at the crowd, seniors Brittany Barajas and Brian Banach ride in the Homecoming parade. "It was so much fun and waving to the little kids was awesome," Brittany said.

WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE Passing the students during the Homecoming pep rally, the junior's *Star Trek*-themed winning float enters the stadium. "I came to help out CEC at float building out of my love to take part in our school events," Lucas Newell, junior, said. "To win the contest felt like free pizza."

FLOATS

+Sophomores: "Football Rocketship"
+Juniors: "Star Trek"
+Seniors: "Out of this World"



STACK 'EM UP Restocking the raspberry sherbert, Alyssa DeJoan, sophomore, works at the Speech & Debate Chicken BBQ. "I liked working for the team because (the money raised) was something we will use all throughout the season, and it's a great way to get the community involved with our team," Alyssa said.

TAKE A KNEE Resting during the Homecoming football game, Nick Fromm (22), senior, watches what is happening on the field. "Both of the offensive side kept scoring," Nick said. "It was pretty much a shoot-out, but we had a good week of preparation."

TWIRL-AND-WHIRL Twirling her flag in front of her, Emily Whitaker, senior, performs with the Band at halftime at the Homecoming football game. "Before performing, I was usually just excited," Emily said. "Homecoming's different because there's more people there to watch."

HC *FAST* FACTS

With so many different events happening, here are a few numbers to summarize the day

football players during a play **11**

18 points football team won by

parade floats **16**

6 court members

students attended the dance **839**

3 miles in the parade

pep rally games **5**

2,200 BBQ chickens ordered

Sources: Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, Student Government sponsor and Mr. Jordan Mayer, Speech & Debate director

SHUT UP AND DANCE

A masquerade swept students off their feet

HOMECOMING FLOATS WERE COMPLETED; TURNABOUT WAS TACKLED, LEAVING THE LAST DANCE OF THE YEAR APPROACHING. Before the promposals could begin, the dresses could be bought, and the dance could kick off, the planning had to start. As Junior CEC members sat in math teacher Ms. Beth Thornburg's room, they took the first steps in planning Prom.

According Camryn Fary, junior, the members considered what administration would likely approve and what the student body would enjoy and seem memorable.

> "Our original idea was to have our theme based on having a party and a good time."
>
> **Maggie Anderson, junior**

After much discussion and many ideas thrown around, members came to one theme that had everything they wanted: a masquerade ball.

"The theme was something different," Maria Sirounis, junior, said. "I think everyone loved it. It felt like I was in a movie. It was definitely a theme to remember."

HAND IN HAND Dancing together, juniors Emily Johnson and Michael Cuvala make the most of every moment at Prom. "Prom was wonderful," Emily said. "The visions that I had for Prom matched perfectly with reality. I was able to go with the best date, my boyfriend and had the chance to enjoy the rest of the night with my best friends. It was exciting to see how everyone looked like they were really enjoying themselves."

"It would probably be homecoming.
Lily Porter, 9

"I remember having the time of my life at Prom. Ryan (Glasen, 12) and I danced to the song 'A Thousand Years' and just ended up flailing our arms around Pretty sure we were judged but honestly, it was worth it.
Hannah Witting, 12

"Pep rallies–when I get to sit with all my friends and have fun.
Simon Pirok, 11

"Watching people trying to dance at Homecoming to impress their date.
Nicholas Ochoa, 11

"The pep rallies are always fun, same with the Homecoming game.
Easan Venkat, 9

"Homecoming week this year. I dressed for 80's workout day.
Alyssa Amaloo, 11

"Seeing Kevin Fuhs (12) dance with Emily (Hammermeister, 12).
Jeremy Gonzalez, 12

"Homecoming was my favorite memory because I got to have a fun time with my friends.
Nicole Crowe, 9

"My favorite memory from a school wide event was spirit week because the week seems relaxed and everyone was fun with the themes.
Julia Janik, 11

"My favorite memory is when I was at Prom, and Tim (DeRolf, 10) and I were dancing. Then, he accidentally kicked a girl and ran away, so she wouldn't know it was him.
Dynasty Gomez, 12

"The football games because it's fun being with friends and the atmosphere is great."
Sarah Gandarilla, 9

"My favorite memory was at the homecoming football game between us and Andrean because a bunch of Andrean students carried an Andrean flag. Some of our own students then threw it over the fence. It was funny.
Claudia Lopez, 11

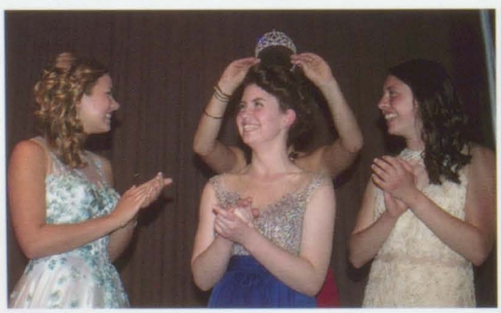
"The Munster High School Basketball team winning the Sectional Championship because it was exciting to see them win.
Zachary Bieniak, 11

"The aftermath and hanging out after Prom.
Brandon Johnson, 12

"When Matt Travis (10) sang at Battle, it was beautiful.
Robert Wente, 9

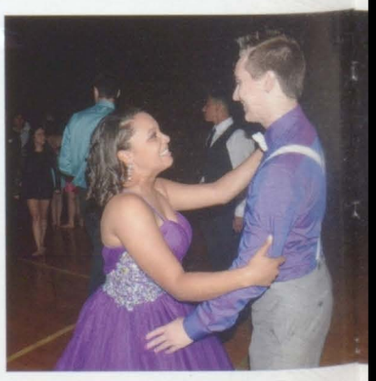
MEET THE *ROYALTY*

After the nominations, voting and anxious waiting, the kings and queens were announced



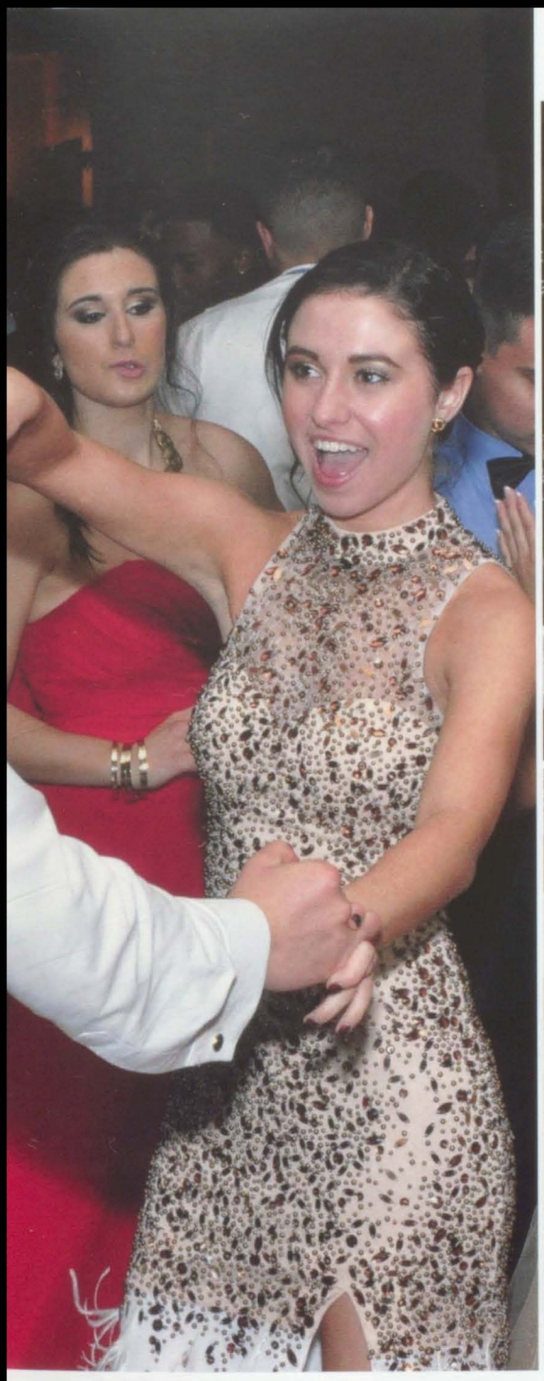
HAMMERTIME Embracing the moment, Emily Hammermeister, senior, is crowned by Maria Sirounis, junior, as Prom queen. "(When I was named queen) I was kind of in shock," Emily said. "I obviously had a chance of winning it, but I wasn't expecting it."

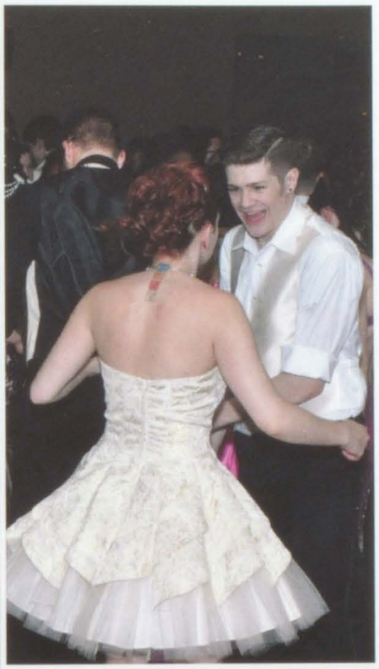
ON COURT Posing for the camera, Quinn Harris, senior, takes a picture with the Turnabout King, Andy Chen, senior, at the dance. "When I was nominated, it was kind of a WTF moment," Andy said. "I thought it was supposed to be funny to see me on court, but I guess they were serious. When I won, that came as a shock."



TAKING IT SLOW Looking into each other's eyes, juniors Ryan Larimer and Kelli Webb slow dance at the Homecoming dance. "Ryan and I have gone to all the past Homecoming dances," Kelli said. "By going to this one was a good way to continue the tradition."

ALL OF THE LIGHTS At the Homecoming dance, Mei Brasel, sophomore, and Jason Stout, freshman, show their moves on the dance floor. "I got to hang out with a bunch of various people there," Mei said. "I met new people and had as much fun as I could before having to go back to school."





LIVING OUT THE MOMENT Dressed and prepped, Dania Soeka, junior, dances with Sam Rosser, senior, while singing along with the music at Prom. "Prom was so much fun, especially with my boyfriend," Dania said. "I love him a lot."

STRIKE A POSE In an attempt to capture every moment of their last Prom, seniors Marymargret Maloney and Nia Clark pose for a picture. "At Prom, I felt like when Princess Tiana opened up Tiana's Place in the movie *Princess and the Frog*," Nia said.

TRADING *MASKS*

Instead of T-shirts, Prom attendees recieved masks to coincide with the Masquerade

"This was my first prom, and the masks were a great way to remember the night."
- Mackenzie Dickeson, sophomore

"The masks were better than I expected; they were actually really nice."
- Shannon Chopin, junior

"Surprising very pretty. I think they were really applicable to the night."
- Naiomi Velasco, junior

"I loved them. They made the night really realistic. I liked the theme."
- Chase Ginaven, junior

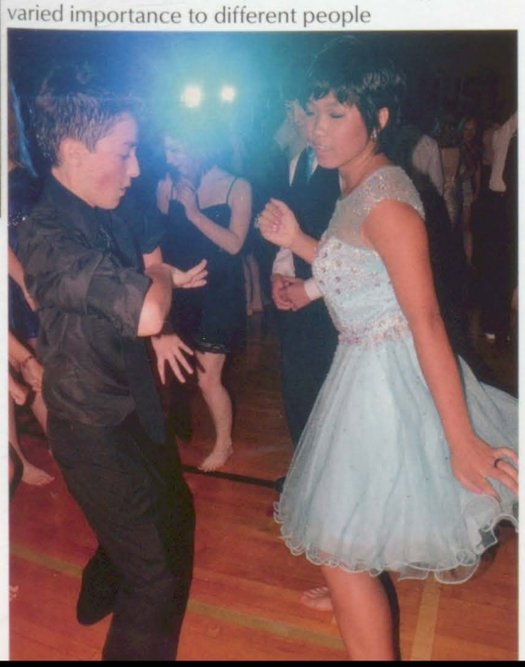
"I loved the masks. I couldn't dance with them on, but they were cool."
- Yiorgo Karnezis, junior

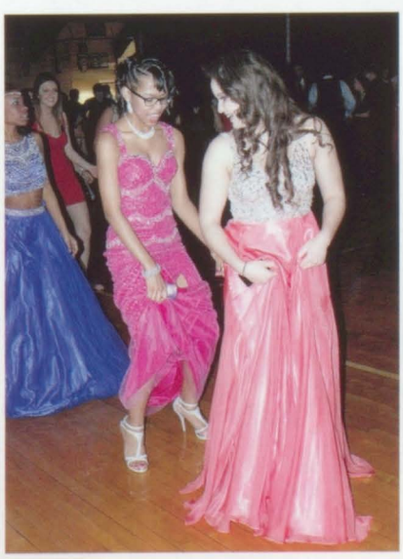
"I thought they were dumb; I wanted a t-shirt."
- Lily Hasler, senior

"They were good momentos to keep from the night."
- Brian Banach, senior

BRINGING IT *ALL* HOME

As the first dance of the year, Homecoming held varied importance to different people





TURNING THE TABLES In the middle of the dance floor, Amina Akernane, junior, and Ashley Ballard, sophomore, dance at Turnabout. "Turnabout was a lot of fun," Amina said. "I love the high school dances here, I loved dressing up and dancing."

COUNTING THE MOMENTS

From the court to the dance, every moment counted

Dances **3**

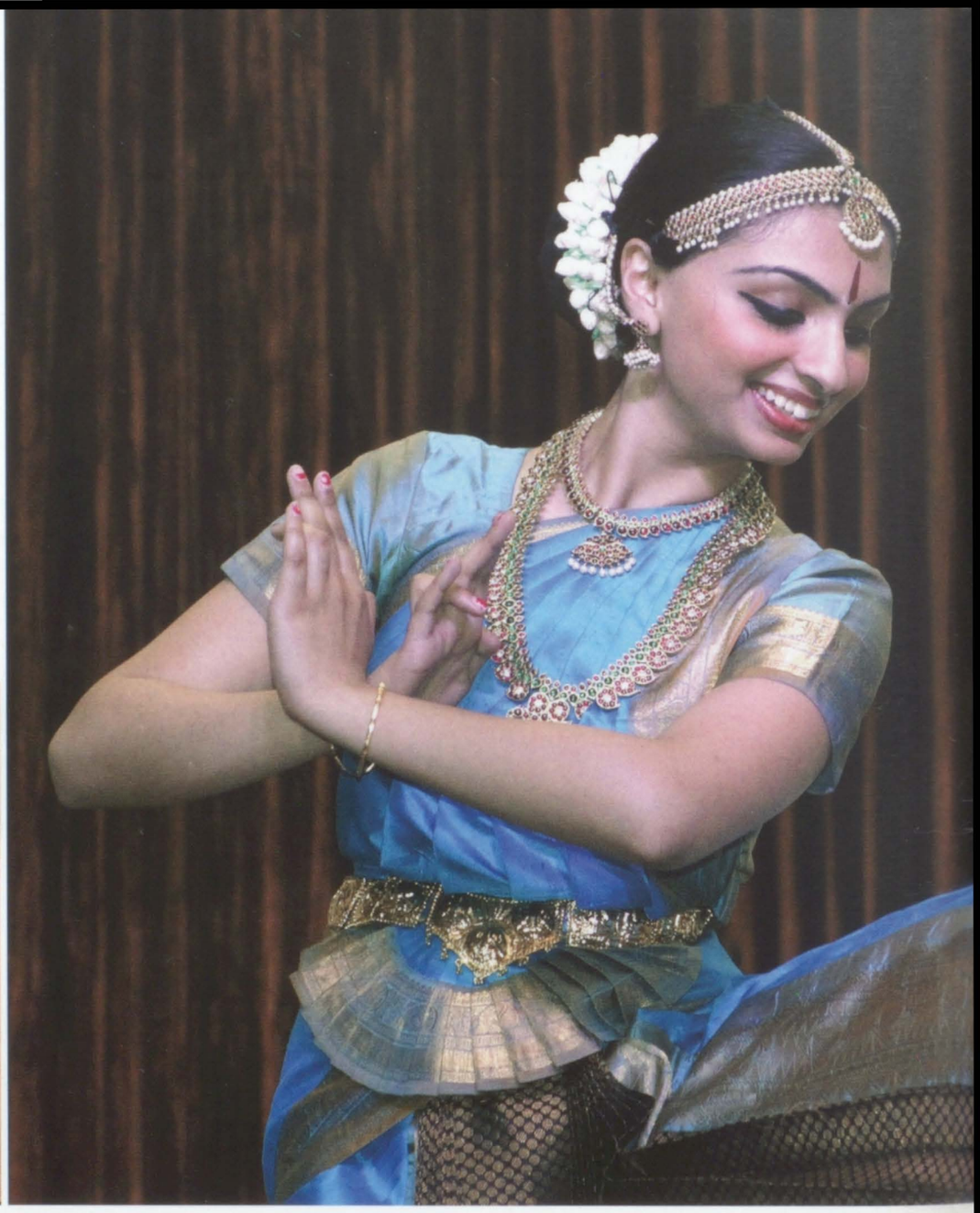
Homecoming attendees **900**

Turnabout attendees **677**

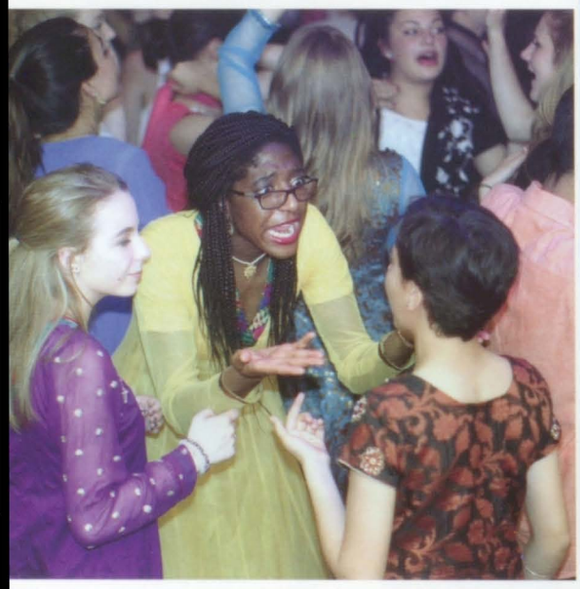
Prom attendees **487**

Total number of Prom court nominees **14**

Sources: Ms. Angela Wayne, Student Government sponsor and Ms. Kristen Szafasz, junior CEC sponsor and Dance team coach

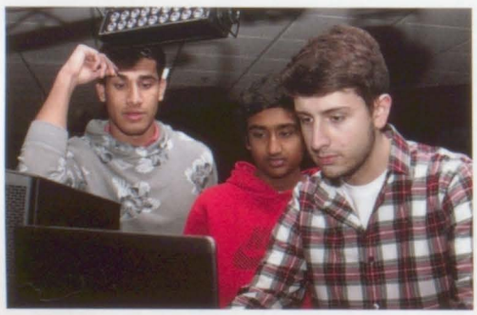


SHOUT IT OUT In the middle of the dance floor, Michelle Raoufi, Buffalo Grove student, and sophomores Obie Oniah and Izzy Nieves talk to one another at HUM Culture Night. "Since the informal dances were at different venues rather than our gym, they were a bit more exciting and unique," Izzy said. "For example, HUM was unique because everyone who attended had the chance to learn about Indian culture and wear Indian clothes. At our formal dances, you did not get a chance to learn some culture or anything like that."



DJ *ARON*

Using his customized HP laptop, Aron Panas, senior, donated his time and DJ'ed both at the DECA Informal Dance and Dance Marathon



TUNE TIME Mixing music, Alex Sotiropoulos, senior, and Khvand Peddi, freshman, watch as Aron Panas, senior, changes and plays new tracks at the DECA Informal Dance, which raised money for the Munster Cancer Resource Foundation. "It was fun (to DJ the DECA dance)," Aron said. "I was glad people liked to dance to things I liked to play, as well as old throwback songs that everyone seemed to love. In addition to DJing, I also produced tracks and uploaded a few on my soundcloud, Aron43."

WHO IS *RILEY?*

Students attended Dance Marathon to raise money for patients at Riley Hospital for Children

GAME CHANGE Holding their Wii remotes, Student Government President and Vice President seniors Dan Green and Adam Kulam play Mario Kart with the Riley family. "Having the Riley kids there was so special because it allowed us all to see the real people who we were raising money for," Dan said.

FRONT AND CENTER Microphone in hand, lead singer of Hot, Annie Phelps, sophomore, sings the chorus of "Everybody Talks" by Neon Trees to Kaylie Phillips, Riley patient. "They motivated me to give a good performance, so they could have a fun night," Annie said.

SHAKE IT OFF During every hour interval, Dance Marathon attendants met in the center of the Fieldhouse and learned part of the line dance, which consisted of dance moves from various songs. Jessica Layous, senior, learned part of the dance with Kaylie Phillips, Riley patient. "She definitely gave me some insight into her life," Jessica said. "She shared some of her memories of what it was like to be in the hospital with her family. I really appreciated it because it was inspirational for how she kept up with being so cheerful, simply heroic."

A NEW BEAT

Informal dances offered a chance to meet new people, raise money and learn new cultures

IN FRONT OF THE INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER podium, HUM President Siddharth Divakaruni, senior, discussed a serious topic at HUM Culture Night. Siddharth told his peers of the devastation from the earthquake which struck Nepal nearly two weeks prior to HUM's event. He asked his peers to participate in a Miracle Minute and donate bills and coins towards earthquake relief funds.

"We raised over $800 for Nepal," Siddharth said. "It was an idea proposed three days before the event, and it was a success."

During the Miracle Minute, members of HUM like Saveda Majety, sophomore, carried red buckets throughout the hall and asked for event attendants to put in any donations.

> "I thought it was a great idea. It really addressed a current ongoing hardship, and I hope all the donations actually helped the earthquake devastation."
>
> **Saveda Majety, sophomore**

SHAKE IT With her arms folded up, Rohini Kalluri, senior, performs the Bharatanatyam dance with her sister Revati Kalluri, senior. "It was an Indian classical dance form from South India," Rohini said. "(My sister and I) learned the dance form from Hema Rajagopalan, our dance teacher for 13 years."

"I liked taking group pictures with my friends and teammates at school dances."
Sarah Johnson, 9

"I enjoyed going to pep rallies, so I could get out of school."
Nakiya Porter, 9

"My favorite memory at a school event was probably either Prom this year, which was a lot of fun, or the first time we made it to State Finals for Marching Band."
Tessa Faubion, 12

"Homecoming was a fun time with friends."
Chloe Faubion, 9

"Going to Homecoming with all my friends."
Emily Mudroncik, 9

"I liked going to football games, so I could be with my friends."
Ian Woolsey, 9

"In Powder Puff football, the junior girls were down by a touchdown with 20 seconds left. Kelsie Kasper (11) and I ran a play we practiced and we came back and beat the seniors for the first time in Powder Puff history."
Kailey Potts, 11

"My favorite memory was when I went to the Homecoming football game. I enjoyed going because I got to spend time with my friends."
Adam Eickleberry, 10

"My favorite memory was seeing Mr. (Victor) Ribadeneyra's (assistant band director) face when I played 'The Lick' at the last jazz band concert."
Noah Schlossberger, 12

"My favorite memory was the Homecoming game this year because I had a lot of fun with friends."
Lily Warren, 10

"I hated everything."
Matthew Levin, 9

"My favorite memory at a school event was the Homecoming game because I had a friend from Israel in town and I got to show him a real high school football game."
Danie Oberman, 10

"(My favorite memories involved) spending time with my friends."
Taylor Brant, 11

"I couldn't really choose just one school event. I would have to say at any school event you have fun with your friends, and you meet new people from your own school, that you may not have known before."
Ben Barilla, 9

SELFIE TIME

Without their formal attire limiting what they could carry, more students used their phones at informal dances

SELFIE
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"A photo you take using the front camera on your phone that you take of yourself or your friends."
Source: Anthony Skiba, junior

LET ME TAKE A SELFIE During the Hot performance, Gabi Herrera, sophomore, takes a photo with sophomores Perima Shah and Gaby Ramirez at Dance Marathon. "I think (people used their phones) because no one was trying to be extra glamorous," Gabi said. "At informal dances everyone was together having a good time, without having the pressure of a date like at a formal dance."

STORY UPDATE Dancing around her friends, Laurissa Portillo, senior, takes videos and photos of different events at HUM Culture Night and updates her Snapchat story. Students used the app Snapchat to post photos or videos which their friends could view for 24 hours until the content deleted itself. "I took photos for the (Snapchat) story," Laurissa said.

SHOW OFF

Actors gave summaries of the plays and their reviews of them

UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE OCT. 9,10

Summary: A new English teacher, Mrs. Sylvia Barrett, faces problems teaching an overcrowded class of students in an inner-city school. Regardless of her students dropping out, attempting suicide and getting into trouble, the class learns a few life lessons from Mrs. Barrett, who is determined to help the students.

Review: "Since it was one of our first plays of the year, it was a little rusty, but everyone put in a lot of work and I think it turned out pretty well in the end."

Micala Boyd, freshman

HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME FEB. 5-7

Summary: La Esmeralda, a gypsy, is the center of a love triangle between Quasimodo, an ugly hunchback bell- ringer; Frollo, a villain; and Pierre Gringoire, the man she loves. A jealous Frollo stabs Pierre, and Esmeralda hides with him in a tower. Quasimodo pushes Frollo off the tower of Notre Dame, and the three live happily ever after.

Review: "I think the play went fantastic. Many people told me it was one of the best ones. It was a fabulous cast filled with our most talented actors and crew members."

Ally Shinkan, freshman

BEING THE BAD GUY As the role of Archdeacon Frollo, Billy McDunn, senior, plays the villain in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. "The most fun part of playing Frollo was watching his relationships with other characters play out," Billy said. "It was really fun to be a character that audiences loved to hate."

BACKSTAGE *PASS*

The shows could not have worked without help from out of the spotlight

Megan Eickleberry, freshman, "Techie"

Martina Trivunovic, senior, Sound Director

George Jurincie, senior, Lighting Manager

"I loved sound directing the musicals because they were so dynamic, and doing those famous shows was cool."

"My favorite part was being able to work with the other kids because they listened and always got things done quickly."

Jake Bobeck, senior, Master Carpenter

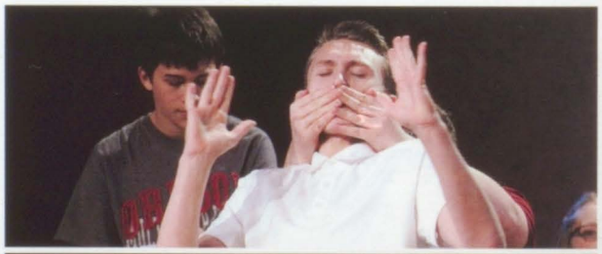
Clayton St Martin, senior, Stage Manager

Ally Shinkan, freshman, TT Shinkan, junior, Stagehands

Source: Megan Eickleberry, freshman

BEST IN *CLASS*

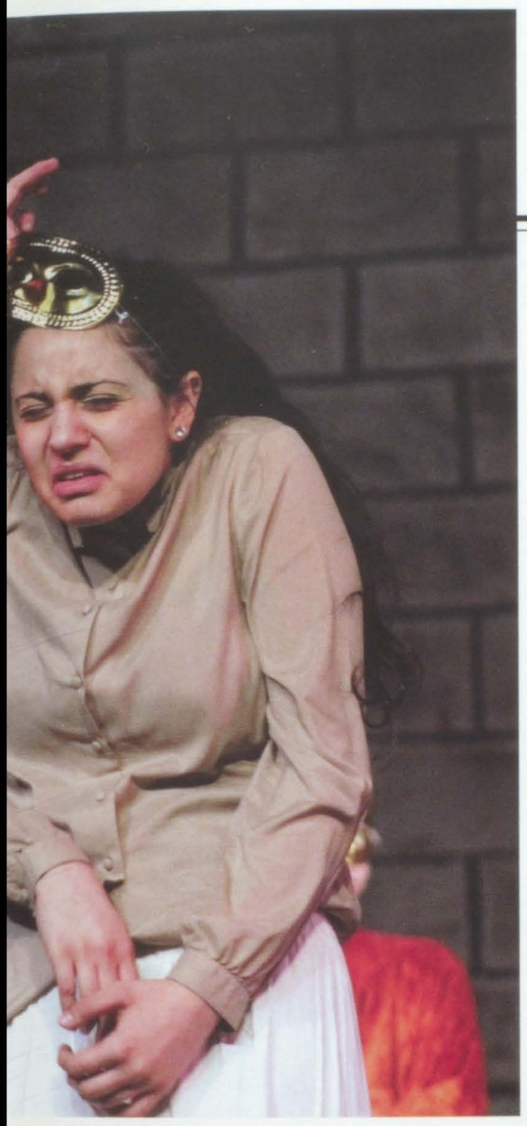
Actors played their own classroom in *Up the Down Staircase*



ALL FUN AND GAMES Playing Harry A. Kagen, sophomore Anthony Niemic's character is quieted by a classmate. "My favorite memory was when Hunter (Ward, sophomore) fell off his stool as part of the script, but it looked really fake," Anthony said. "It was painful yet funny to watch."

TEACHER, TEACHER As the role of Mrs. Schacter, Alex Raycroft, sophomore, maintains her spunky character's personality. "It was really fun to act as a teacher during the show because I really want to become one," Alex said.

PERFORMING PERSPECTIVE Playing Sylvia, Alyssa DeJoan, sophomore, learns what it's like to be a teacher during a parent preview. "Theater has taught me how to look at life from someone else's perspective," Alyssa said.



THAT'S A WRAP

Senior theater members planned to change their high school activities into college majors

WHILE SOME SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY STRUGGLED TO choose between academics and theater for college, others found a balance between the two.

"I'm going to New York University to study film. I hope to write, direct and act in movies one day. I know it's difficult to make it, but I am nothing if not determined to do it." **Rohan Chatterjee, senior**

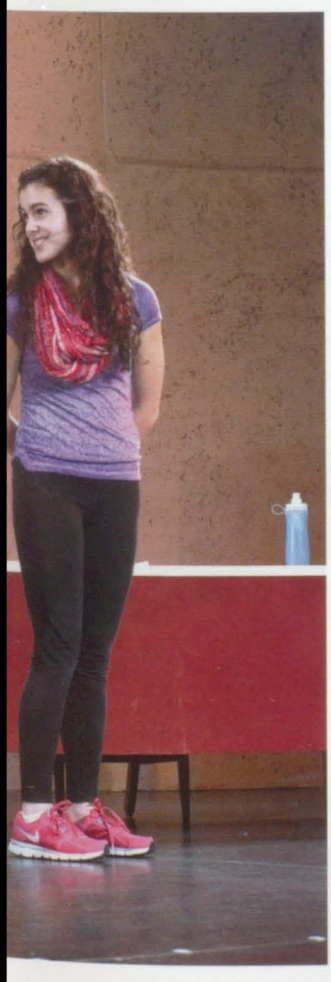
Allison Hemingway, senior, shares more than a stage with Rohan but also a similar goal for college.

"I'm going to college to study film production and possibly double major in something with theater," Allison said. "I hope to continue acting as well."

Younger members felt confident in their members' talents and futures as they bid them goodbye.

"The seniors were amazingly talented and some of my closest friends," Claire LeMonnier, junior, said. "I know they'll succeed in whatever they do."

THEATER QUEENS Playing the role of a gypsy named La Esmeralda, Anna Bilse, junior, takes the mask off of Tara Layous, freshman, during *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. "Theater has made such a dramatic impact on my life," Anna said. "Being in it is like being in one big family. I have gained so much confidence from it."



STAR IN THE MAKING

Trey DeLuna, junior, went through a 30-minute process to play the role of Quasimodo

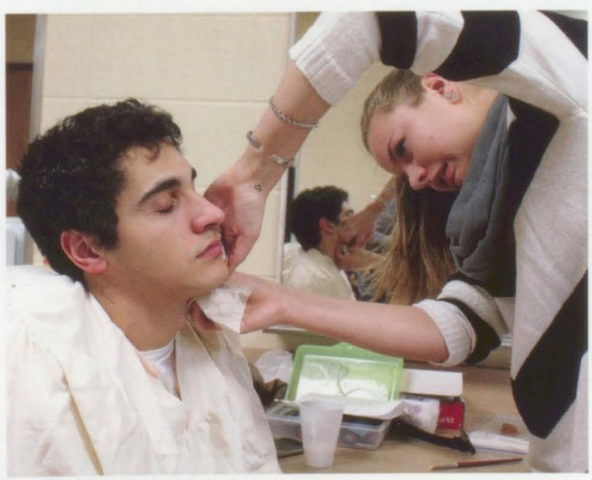
COSTUME

- Arrive half an hour early before other actors for preparation
- Put on costume made out of potato sack
- Put on the "hunch" made out of fake pregnant belly strap-on

MAKEUP

- Glue solid goo mixture onto face with liquid latex
- Put on dark eyeshadow to make veins around face
- Re-apply latex mixture if it peels off

Source: Trey DeLuna, junior



CHANGE OF FACE Having to sit through a 30-minute long transformation, Trey DeLuna, junior, prepares to go on stage as Quasimodo in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* with the help of Allison Hemingway, senior, putting on his makeup. "It took a lot of time and work to even look remotely like Quasimodo," Trey said. "But overall, it was my first lead role and was an amazing experience."

"The final five minutes on the last day of school because school brings me misery."
— **Isabel Nieves, 11**

"Working Battle of the Bands. It was really fun, and I got to hang out with all my friends."
— **Olivia Truett, 9**

"Setting up the Homecoming dance for Student Government."
— **Megan Wolski, 9**

"Screaming random stuff during pep rallies."
— **Scott Kenning, 9**

"Eduardo Jiminez's (10) brother dancing at Battle of the Bands. I thought that was pretty cool."
— **Peyton Puplava, 10**

"Having some sweet one-on-one time with Jordan Hyberger (10)."
— **Ben Stiffler, 10**

"Having some sweet one-on-one time with Ben Stiffler (10)."
— **Jordan Hyberger, 10**

"My favorite memory was from freshman year Homecoming, taking pictures."
— **Joshua Engle, 10**

"My favorite memory is Prom. I went with my childhood best friend and we danced like dorks the entire time. We didn't care what others thought of us. We just made it an amazing night."
— **Emily Whitaker, 12**

"During Prom, everybody formed a circle around me and I did the Dougie."
— **Mia Castro, 11**

"The only event I ever went to was Turnabout, and I hated it. I waited two hours for pictures, and the rest of the dance was relatively boring."
— **Zach Keslin, 12**

"My favorite part was Turnabout and just hanging out with friends and listening to music."
— **Kayla Coleman, 10**

"The most I have done for this school is go to the gay-straight alliance for a half-hour."
— **Angelo Bruno, 11**

"I really enjoyed participating in Spirit Week during my senior year. Each year, I watched all the seniors go all out. My friends and I finally got the chance to dress as nerds and the infamous 80's workout."
— **Hannah Dempsey, 12**

"When we won our first football game, and we celebrated on the bus ride home."
— **Jack Strimel, 9**

"I liked getting ready for the dances and spending time with my best friends.
Danica Jerkan, 11

"Being able to perform with my best friend, Fernando (Jimenez, '14).
Emmanuel Soto, 12

"When Emily Hammermeister was announced Prom Queen.
Mark Phelps, 12

"My favorite memory from Prom was getting to dress up and party with my friends.
Cassidy Cusick, 12

"I liked Homecoming the best because that's like the only fun dance there really is because everyone goes.
Gianna Burks, 10

"Spending time with all of my friends and seeing all of the different types of dresses.
Sammi Buvala, 11

"My favorite memory from a school wide event this year was going to Turnabout with my boyfriend because we got to get all dressed up and have fun with our friends.
Lily Warren, 10

"I loved going to *Fiddler on the Roof*, I went with my girlfriend and her father decided to come with. It was a great bonding moment with her dad.
Jacob Paulsen, 12

"My favorite memory was being a part of the Homecoming parade with the rest of the Marching Band.
Jeanne Drwiega, 11

"My favorite memory from Prom was going out to eat afterward and having a fun time with my friends.
Patricia Cornejo, 11

"I liked Dance Marathon. There is no pressure to dress up and it is just hanging out with your friends and having fun.
Maggie Anderson, 11

"Doing the worm in the middle of the circle at Prom.
Kyle Palermo, 11

"Feeling like a princess at Prom and hanging out with my group.
Shannon Chopin, 11

"Floyd Stoner (junior) doing the dougie at Prom.
Zach Simic, 11

"The only event I ever went to, was TB, and I hated it, I waited 2 hours for pictures, and then the rest of the dance was relatively boring.
Zack Keslin, 12

CHANGE OF HEART

With changes occurring during the theater season, actors and actresses learned to adjust

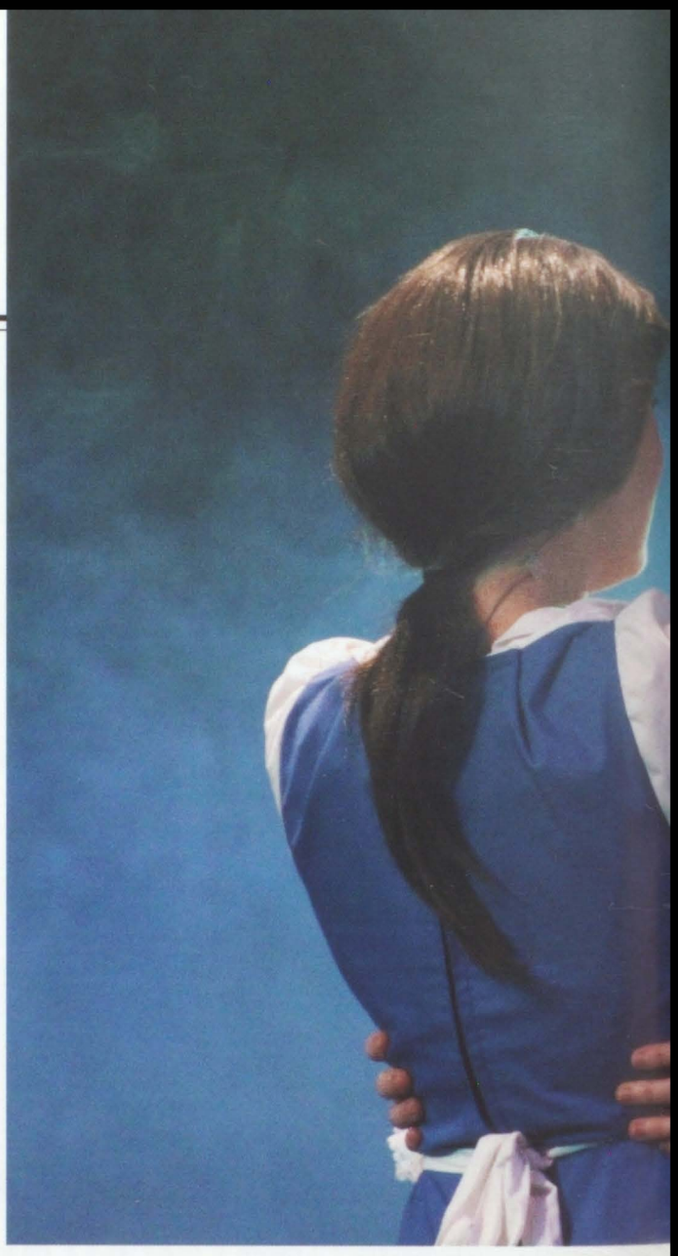
FIFTY CAST MEMBERS, 11 LEAD ROLES, TWO MONTHS OF REHEARSALS, two weeks of technical rehearsals and three hours to get hair and makeup ready all led to one night: opening night of *Beauty and the Beast.*

With a professional pit, numerous rented costumes and a record-breaking amount of tickets sold, *Beauty and the Beast* proved to be filled with many changes.

> "The professional pit and costumes definitely made the show better. The pit added to the performance by making the music very good."
> **Casey Terry, senior**

Along with the quality of the show, the type of show also played a role in the audience size.

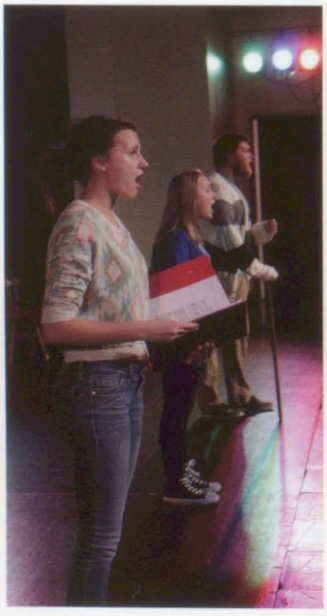
"(*Beauty and the Beast*) was the most popular and well-known show we've done," Peyton Tinder, junior, said.

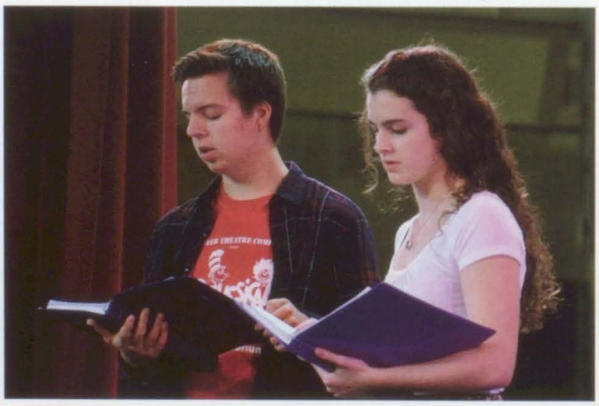


HUMAN AGAIN After finally transforming back into a human, the Beast, played by Thomas Speranza, senior, embraces Belle, played by Allison Hemingway, senior. "My favorite part about playing the Beast was singing 'If I Can't Love Her,'" Thomas said. "It was an incredibly powerful song, and I could really connect."

GETTING *OFF* BOOK

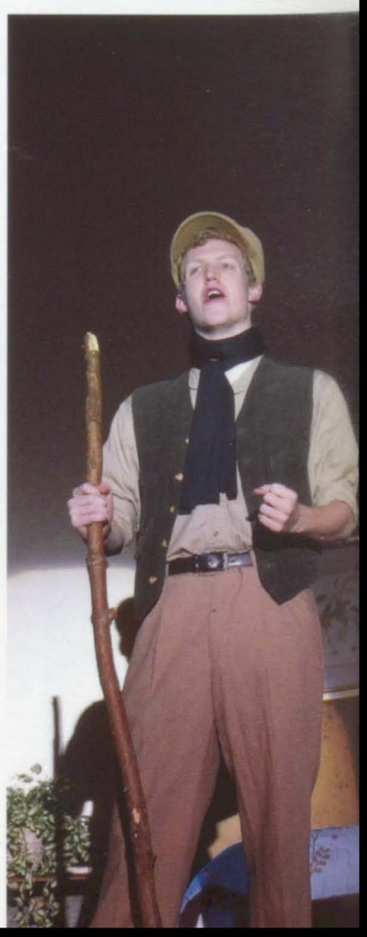
From weeks of rehearsals to long nights memorizing lines, many actors and actresses put in months of time before opening night, perfecting each moment on and off the stage

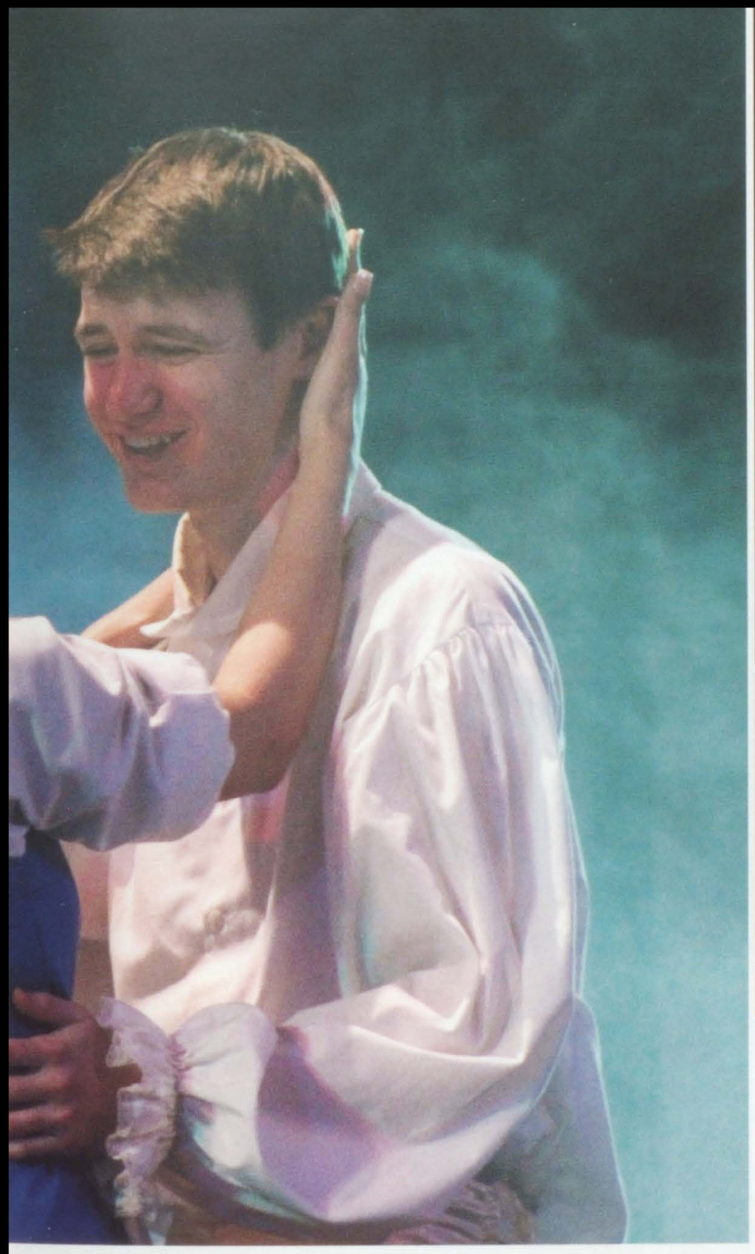




SING OUT Script in hand and voice singing out, Peyton Tinder, junior, Chloe Jancosek, freshman, and Casey Terry, senior, rehearse the song "I Heard Someone Crying" in *The Secret Garden.*

FROZEN IN MEMORY Focusing in on their lines, Jonathan Neeley, junior, and Alyssa DeJoan, sophomore, work on memorization during a rehearsal for *The Secret Garden.* "The hardest part about the rehearsal process was staying on track," Alyssa said. "There was always a lot of work to be done, and everyone needed to be on board otherwise the show wouldn't come together in time."





CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK Portraying their characters of Mrs. Potts and Chip, Rachel Jamrose, senior, and Chloe Jancosek, freshman, hug during a performance of *Beauty and the Beast.* "Playing Mrs. Potts was a perfect way to end senior year," Rachel said. "It was really fun and a perfect part for me."
LIGHT AS A FEATHER Hands on her hip, Anna Bilse, junior, acts as Babette in "Be Our Guest" during *Beauty and the Beast.* "My favorite part about Babette was how saucy and flirty she was because that's totally opposite of who I am, so it was fun to play a role completely different than me," Anna said.
ISN'T HE DREAMY? Comforting his Silly Girls, Casey Terry, senior, portraying Gaston, hugs Alex Raycroft, sophomore, Hannah Witting, senior, and Camille Jancosek, junior. "(Fawning over Casey) was really uncomfortable at first because Casey is not my boyfriend, and my boyfriend didn't appreciate Casey occasionally slobbering on my face," Hannah said.

GOT *A* SECRET

When given an intense show to perform, members of the theater company worked hard on getting into character

SPEAK SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK Passionately singing, Drew Adams, senior, sings out to the audience, performing as Dickon in *The Secret Garden.* "My favorite part about the character Dickon was that I was able to connect so well with him," Drew said. "He was such a light-hearted character so it was easy to connect."
GETTING TO THE POINT Pointing, Chloe Jancosek, freshman, in the right direction, Allison Hemingway, senior, plays Chloe's mentor in *The Secret Garden.* "My character was one of the only happy parts of the show since the show was really depressing," Allison said. "She also had a lot of fun songs."

READY *FOR* THIS

With bright lights washing out their faces on stage, actors and actresses had to wear make up, such as eyeliner, blush and foundation, to give their face more color

DON'T POKE YOUR EYE OUT As she helps the cast prepare for a performance of *Beauty and the Beast,* Ally Shinkan, freshman, applies eye liner to Daniel Kapitan, freshman. "Most of the guys didn't know how to put on their makeup, so they came to me to put it on under their eyes," Ally said. "I talked them through it so they could do it without me."

5:30 p.m.	arrive at the Auditorium
5:40 p.m.	begin hair and makeup
6:10 p.m.	mic checks
6:15 p.m.	get into costume
6:25 p.m.	final check of props and costumes
6:35 p.m.	spirit circle begins
6:55 p.m.	get into place for the opening
7:00 p.m.	show begins

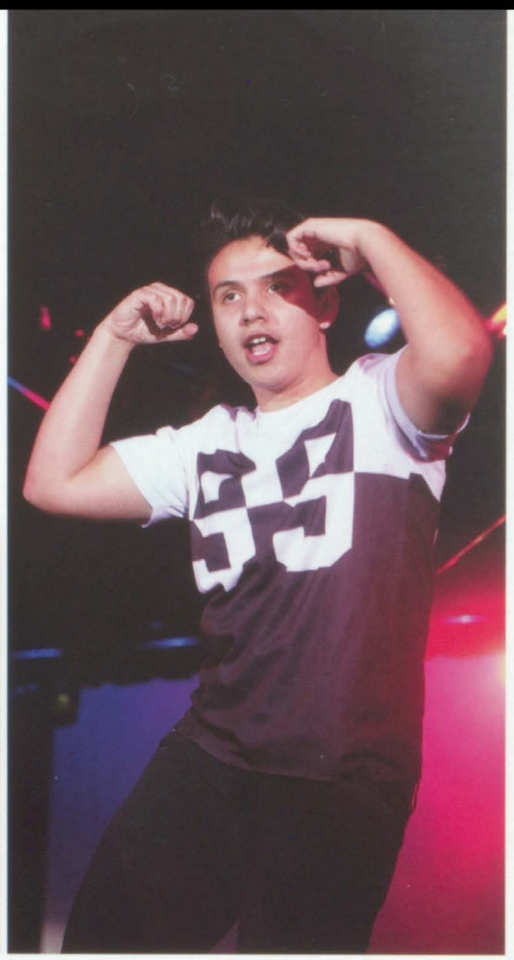
Source: Rachel Jamrose, senior

DISCOVERING HIDDEN TALENTS

Aside from the bands, individuals were given the chance to showcase their talents, like dancing, singing and rapping

FLEXIN' WITH MY HANDS UP Music booming, lights glowing and smoke in the air, Emmanuel Soto, senior, danced to a mashup of songs with his best friend Fernando Jimenez, 14'. "Something came up and we thought we were going to have to cancel, but the week of battle he was able to do it," Emmanuel said. "Our dance was half-choreographed and half-freestyle when we performed."

STRUMMING FOR THE SOUL Performing as a talent act, Jacob Lyza, junior, plays the guitar without actually competing. During his act, Jacob played "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. "I thought (the talent act) would be fun," Jacob said. "I just wanted to show everyone that I could play. My favorite part was hearing the applause at the end."



"My favorite memory of Prom was when we got to the lake house my group went to, and the power/water went off and we had to party in the dark.
Miranda Mihalic, 12

"My favorite memory of Homecoming was getting the chance to be with all my friends and hanging out after.
Sophie Sakelaris, 9

"My favorite memory was Battle of the Bands because it showed everyone's talent.
Mary Pugh, 11

"My favorite memory would be leaving Homecoming and doing fun things afterwards.
Michaella Lorenz, 11

"My favorite memory would be wearing a camo tuxedo to the Masquerade Prom.
Tim Krajci, 11

"I liked watching all of the Boys' Soccer games and cheering with the student section.
Priscilla Rivera, 12

"Hawaiian Day was tight because it represented summer clothing before it got cold.
Sam Plate, 11

BATTLE CRIES

Five bands all came together to compete and showcase their musical talents

AS HE RUNS UP ONTO STAGE, NOAH SCHLOSSBERGER, SENIOR, JUMPS INTO FRESHman Andrew Rapata's arms after finding out his band, Avocado, just won Battle of the Bands.

> "It was really surprising that we won, and we were just in that moment like 'Wow, we just won Battle of the Bands.'"
>
> **Garrett Zuck, senior**

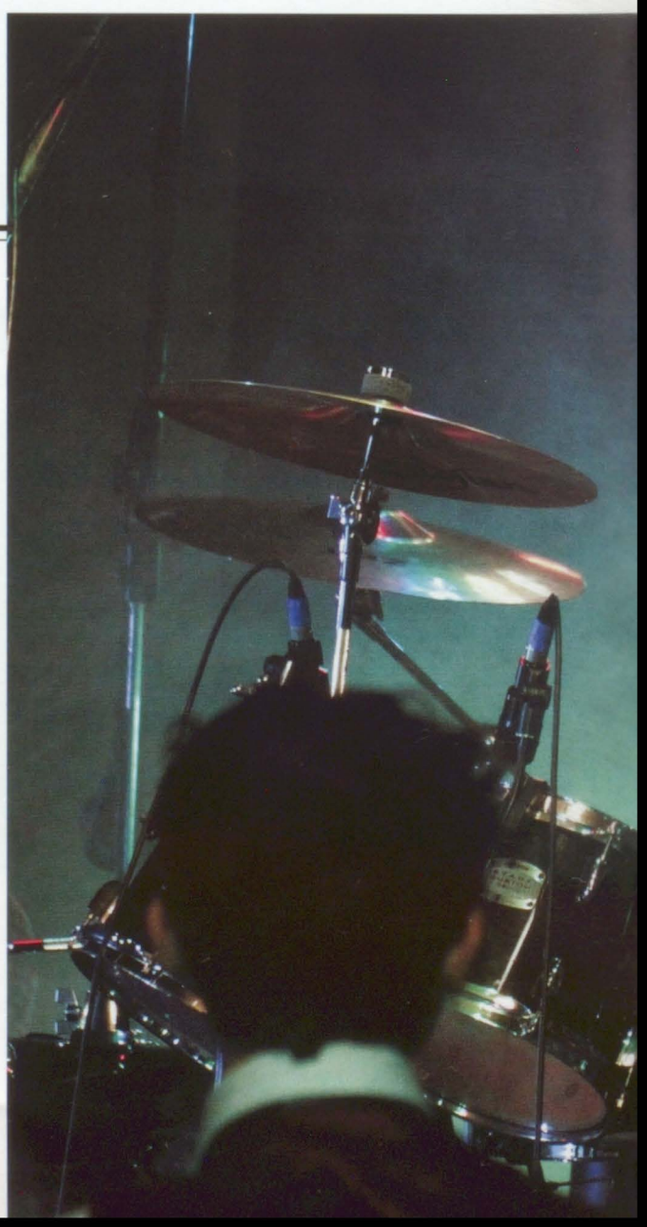
Rather than singing cover songs, Avocado used various instruments to play impromptu songs.

"Noah gave me music, like a map of what would happen—like the eight bars, solos and key," Andrew said.

Due to their eclectic music style, Avocado members believed it set them apart to win.

"We were a band for the musicians, not for the masses," Andrew said.

DRUMMER BOY Drumsticks in hand, Jonathan Lemke, senior, performs with his band, Avocado. "It was really nice to show how good of musicians we were," Jonathan said.



"My favorite memory would probably be watching my friends win Battle of the Bands.
Luke Still, 12

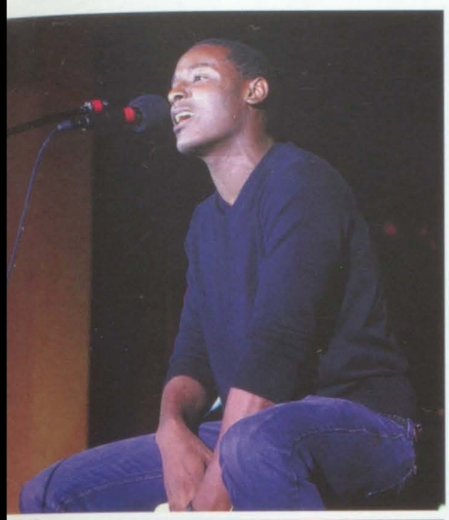
"Watching Avocado at the Battle of the Bands. They are awesome.
Ben Rasamimari, 9

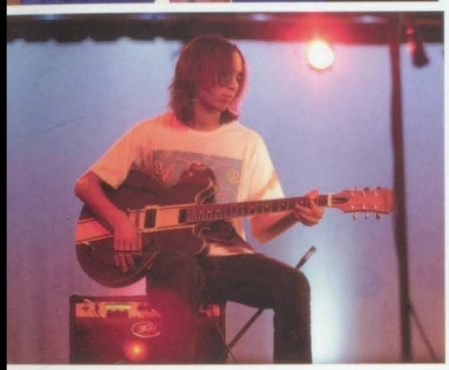
"When I danced with my girlfriend to 'Stay With Me' by Sam Smith at Turnabout.
David Paunicka, 11

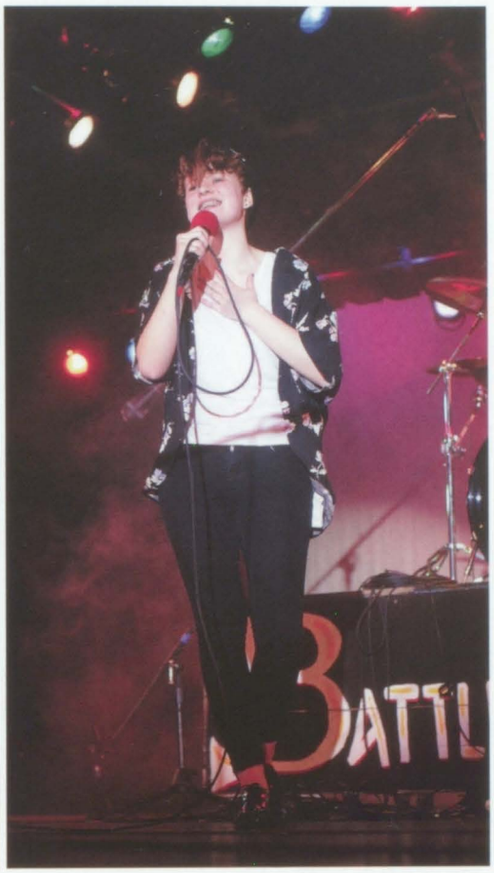
"Battle of the Bands. It was awesome watching some of my best friends performing on stage.
Sofia Navarro, 9

"Probably Homecoming. I didn't go with a date but I went with a group of friends so it was a really awesome first Homecoming.
Emilee Cobb, 9

"When I was at Turnabout, my cousin started break dancing, and I've never seen him do this because he is very shy.
Cody Reinsma, 9







BATTLE *WOUNDS*

From practicing to performing, band members developed special memories from their time spent together

"My favorite memory from Hot was when Elena (Piech, senior) swallowed her pick."

- **Hot** member Annie Phelps, sophomore

"Being able to re-do my guitar solo for 'Whole Lotta Love' since my amp cut out when I was actually supposed to do it."

- **Soundcheck** member Jerry Jacinto, junior

"Alex (Wisniewski, senior) played the guitar and I sang a really high note, and I broke a glass."

- **Three's a Crowd** member Lawrence Gaines, senior

"We were practicing 'In Bloom,' but Jack (Foster, freshman) kept counting in the wrong way, and we kept arguing about how many beats for him to count in. We spent a good 20 minutes between Kess (Vaitkus, freshman) arguing."

What Can $5 Get Me? member Alex Ramirez, sophomore

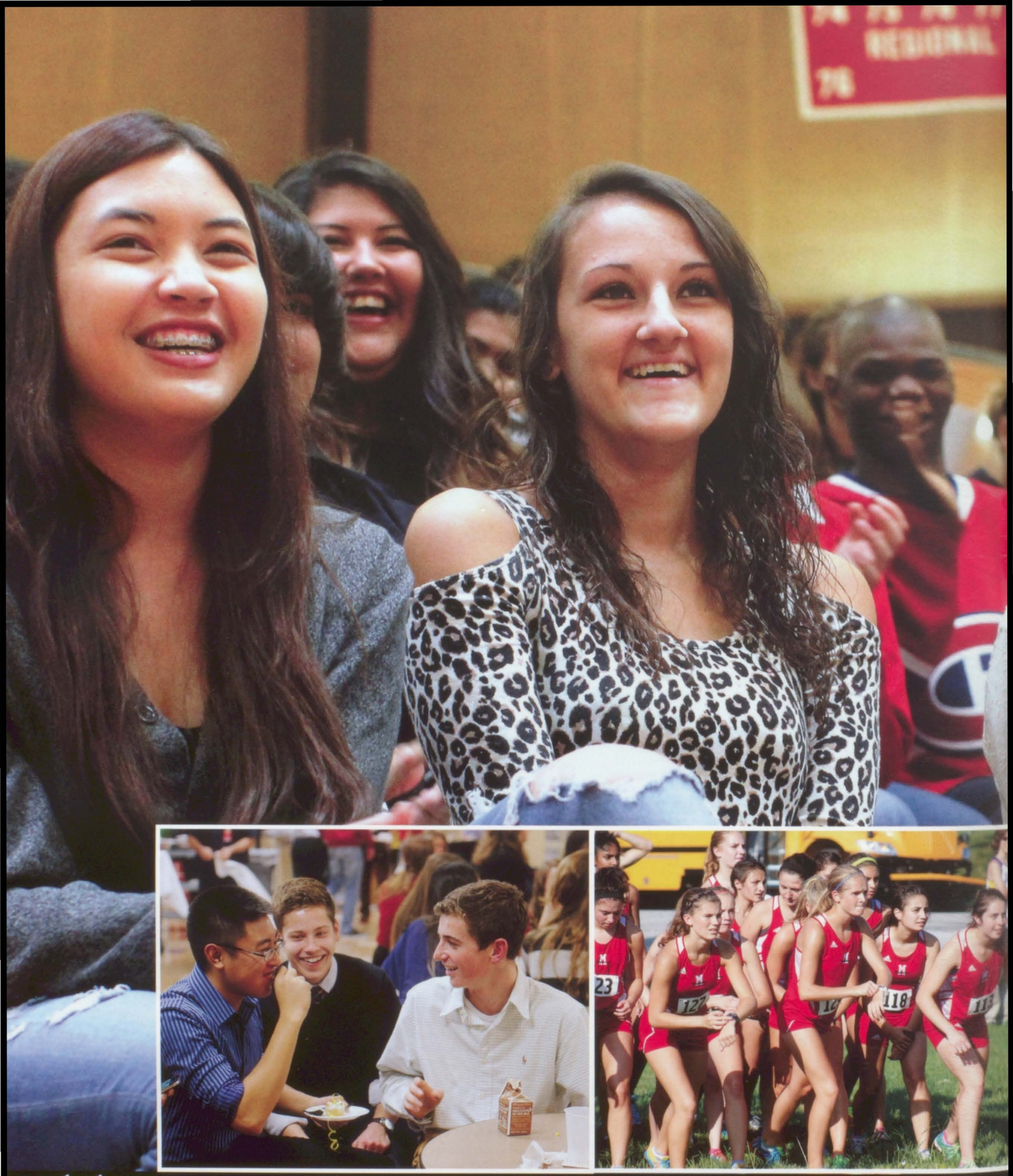
"We played (The Blues) through for the first time, and we nailed it. Noah (Schlossberger, senior) was jumping up and down. It was a great moment as a band because we finally came together, and it was no longer just an idea."

- **Avocado** member Jonathan Lemke, senior

FROM THE SOUL Taking an acoustic approach, Lawrence Gaines, senior, performs with his band Three's a Crowd.
FACE THE MUSIC Along with his band Soundcheck, Jerry Jacinto, junior, plays his guitar at Battle of the Bands.
A KILLER SHOW With her band Hot, Annie Phelps, sophomore, sings "All These Things That I've Done" by The Killers.

BRINGING SAXY BACK As a guest appearance during the Avocado performance, Qionte Sullivan, junior, added some Jazz to the band's music. "I love music, and anytime I get to perform, I take it," Qionte said. "My favorite part was when I came out to improv, and the crowd was really excited."

NOTED AUDITION Playing on stage for the audition, Noah Schlossberger, senior, tries out with his band Avocado. Noah came up with the idea of forming a band that plays impromptu music. "Improv is the purest form of music, and it provided an opportunity to assemble some of the best musicians I know to express ourselves in the finest form of music," Noah said.



“What’s your favorite part of being in a club or sport?”

Paragon asked, and you anwered. We recorded your responses on the pages to follow.

SHOW RESPECT Sitting together, seniors Aurianna Chopin, Krysten Leahy and Abi Jurado, laugh while listening to guest speaker Keith Deltano’s presentation about bullying. “It was cool that we all came together,” Abi said. “We were all there to hear what somebody had to say, it was amazing.”

FINDING A PLACE

We did not have to be the fastest players. We did not have to be the loudest speakers. We did not have to be the best dressed.

We just wanted to be part of our team.

Whether we joined a certain club because we wanted to bump up our college resumes, because our older siblings made us or because we genuinely felt inspired by the activity, we understood that the memories made meant something more than a spot in the yearbook's group photos section. Our activities made us stick out from the crowd.

It started with going to the call out. It started with attending our first practice. It started with winning our first tournament.

It started with finding a place.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

- Wrestling, talking, playing tennis, feeling like brothers. Whatever they were doing, the Boys' Tennis Team bonded with each other over the weekend at a teammate's cabin on Lake Tippecanoe after they won an invite match.

- In the classroom of Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher, Poetry Club President Pharez Israel, senior, picks a piece of paper with the word "Unexpected" on it. He tells students to clear their mind and that they have ten minutes to write about that topic.

LUNCH BREAK In the cafeteria, juniors Jenson Huang, Austin Klawitter and Collin Sharpe, chat between bites of food. "(Lunch) gave me the opportunity to talk about things other than academics," Austin said.

STRONG TOGETHER In front of the pack, Melanie Mooney, sophomore, Mackenzie Peirick, junior and seniors Kathleen Gonzales and Brittany Barajas, prepare to start their race. "I loved being able to train alongside awesome girls, and after we got to bond," Brittany said.

SCREAM TEAM At the soccer game against Lake Central, seniors Michael Hayes and Ben Marcus and Jack Wulf, sophomore, lead the student section. "It was a lot fun to cheer with your friends and for them," Ben said.

IN SYNC Right legs up, juniors Jackie Dye and Katie Wiening, Catherine Tavitas, senior, and Melissa Fronczek, sophomore, practice for their dance routine to perform at the National Dance Team Championship in Jan. At Nationals the girls ranked in the top 25 for their Poms routine.

FINDING A PLACE

+ Meagan Thornburg, 10
Being involved in this (Athletic Training) lets you be in sports and you got to learn about a lot of sport medicine. My favorite part was getting to go to the Andrean Freshmen Football game by myself. The guys, parents, and coaches were looking up to me. This was a fun but exhausting day, but I learned a lot.

+ Mackenzie Portone, 11
I was a part of the girls' soccer team and the best part about it was spending time with my amazing teammates. We all have become sisters and winning with people who meant a lot to you made it so much better.

+ Timothy Wiess, 12
The best part of being on a team for Munster is the unity. You don't only feel closer with your teammates, but you feel closer to your friends in other sports. It is a closeness deeper than just being classmates can produce.

+ Jonathan Harris, 9
My favorite part of being on the tennis team was definitely being able to hang out and cheer for your friends. You also made tons of new friends as more and more people joined yearly, as I soon will experience.

VARSITY Overall 10-5 NCC 5-1

Crown Point 5-Way	**1st**
Ruby Skorupa Invite	**1st**
Griffith/Lowell	**1st**
Lafayette Harrison	2nd
Kankakee Valley/Andrean	**1st**
Bob Thomas Invite	**1st**
Highland Invite	**1st**
New Prairie Invite	**1st**
Hobart Invite	2nd
Culver Academies Invite	16th
NCC Meet	**1st**
Sectionals	**1st**
Regionals	**1st**
Semi-State	2nd
State	3rd

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row Jack Jones, Ryan Kritzer, Scott Farley, Brian Banach, Isaac Gutierrez ***Second Row*** Ian Frantal, Khaleel Igue, Tyler Keslin, Tim Chavez, Kevin Fuhs, Matt Georgas ***Back Row*** Coach Aaron Brown, Nick Szala, Theo Burgwald, Emmanuel Lopez, Luke Heritage, Jimmy Murphy, Coach Rick Sluder

VARSITY Overall 5-9 NCC 6-0

Crown Point 5-Way	67 - 40
Lake Central	4th
Griffith/Lowell	**1st**
Lafayette	10th
Kankakee Valley/Andrean	**1st**
Lowell Invite	5th
Highland	**17 - 44**
New Prairie	10th
Hobart	**21 - 38**
Culver Academies Invite	14th
NCC Meet	**1st**
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	5th
Semi-State	11th

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row Emma Gouliaev, Elena Perala Vicente, Emily Johnson, Brittany Barajas, Kathleen Gonzales, Erin Harvath, Maya Montoya, Isabel Nieves ***Second Row*** Olivia Eldert, Gaby Ramirez, Kyra Marriott, Jill Ylo, Aileen Wagner, Nicole Biel, Sarah Johnson, Kaylee Galvan, Leah Chavez ***Back Row*** Coach Kyleen Nolan, Mackenzie Peirick, Claire Svoboda, Sarah Wanicki, Emily Wierman, Mallory Grim, Hansa Vavilala, Margret Anderson, Melanie Mooney, Coach Rick Sluder

FRESHMAN Overall 2-7

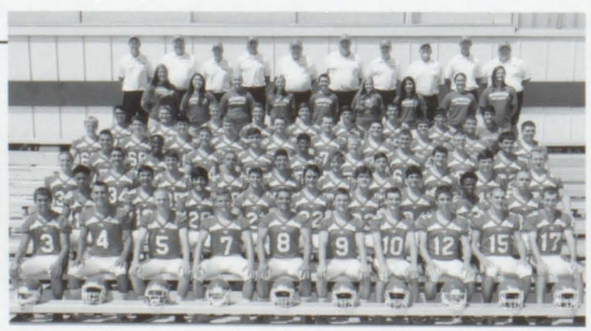
Lake Central	**21 - 8**
Chesterton	14 - 54
Highland	**14 - 6**
Andrean	8 - 16
Morton	22 - 24
Griffith	20 - 28
Hobart	8 - 16
Lowell	20 - 31
Griffith	14 - 22

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Front Row Matthew Tabaczynski, Vince Bravo, Elijah Huggins, Dylan Bullock, Alex Eismin, Zack Eng, Jenai Richards, Noah Montoya ***Second Row*** Owais Siddiqui, Andrew Zachary,Kendall Coleman, Brandon Baker, Justin Brent, Ryan Sonnenberg, Elian Magana, Adam Reinsma, Dominc Arce ***Third Row*** Cody Phillips, Rashaun Flanagan-Seels, Cody Reinsma, Chris Bedenk, Joey Yoniles, Cameron Hoekstra, Robert Wente, Noah Sohacki ***Fourth Row*** Jacob Fitch, Ian Woolsey, Jeshua Pugh, Malcom Jasper, Mitchell Switalla, Sam Woolsey, Connor Nussbaum, Jeremiah Eaton, Raheem Butler, Jalen Johnson ***Fifth Row*** Peter Delis, Carl Adindu, Carrington Sanders, Justin Gill, Ben Barilla, Colin Gaither, Andrew Rapata, Matt Bensema ***Back Row*** Trainer Amy Kaniewski, Coach Josh Herold, Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Jay Chrustowski, Trainer Meagan Thornburg

VARSITY Overall 7-3 NCC 4-2

Lake Central	**24 - 21**
Chesterton	**31 - 14**
Highland	**34 - 20**
Andrean	20 - 24
Morton	**59 - 41**
Griffith	**38 - 14**
Hobart	**35 - 14**
Lowell	25 - 42
Kankakee Valley	**45 - 0**
Mishawaka	21 - 35



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Front Row Andrew Jumonville, Adam Ostoich, Zack Pickett, Scott Fischer, Seth Gutwein, Jacob Helmer, Michael Johnston, Matt Childs, John Hulsey, Patrick Burke ***Second Row*** Jaylan Scott, Brandon Andresen, Chris Gonzales, Dominic Lucito, Nick Fromm, Tommy DeCero, Isaac Luehs, Jeff Proctor, Greg Scherzinger ***Third Row*** Randy Nava, Danny Stanley, Porter Taylor, Justin Goshen, Calvin Leick, Arris Yoniles, Nico DeCero, Tim Krajci, Zeke Clark, Joe Kennedy ***Fourth Row*** Dillon Pierie, Lawrence Gaines, Jacob Stribjak, Ray Ojel, Kenny Chinnam, Jordan Dixon, Patrick Marsh, Robert Blocher, Greg Kocal ***Fifth Row*** JP Cieslak, Tyler Steapleton, Jordan Cistola, Billy Johnsen, Jordan Davis, David Paunicka, Christian Eloisa, Sean Wagner, Aavery Poelinitz, Elias Diaz ***Sixth Row*** Jacob Arteaga, Andrew Opat, Logan Armagast, Brendan Ristenpart, Joe Johnston, Demetri Fotopoulos, Milan Obradovic, Richard Para, Manager Matt Trecho ***Seventh Row*** Trainer Sarah Smolinski, Trainer Brenda Yepez, Trainer Megan Thornburg, Trainer Mackenzie Dickenson, Trainer Danny Zuccarelli, Trainer Ashley McPartlan, Trainer Elena Bedolla, Trainer Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Trainer Amy Kwasniewski ***Back Row*** Coach Ryan Gardner, Coach Bob Shirkan, Coach Jeff Dixon, Coach Jason Grunewald, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Tom Largus, Trainer John Doherty, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Joe Helmer, Coach Chris Marsh

+ Joey Gardner, 12
Favorite part of being a swimmer was achieving success through my own personal perseverance and not having to rely on someone else to catch a ball or score a basket.

+ Ella Speckhard, 10
My favorite part about playing basketball was how many great people I got to meet. I didn't know very many people after I moved, and basketball introduced me to a lot of great friends!

+ Elise Garcia, 9
My favorite part of soccer was being able to hang out with my teammates and also big sis-little sis.

+ Katherine Radde, 9
I like how the (dance) team was like your family for the season. Normally basketball games or competitions were fun. We got to perform, have fun, laugh and possibly win competitions.

Michael Marich, 10
My favorite part of being on the Munster Hockey team was that we considered our teammates our family. It made the experience much more fun for all of us.

Melissa Bermudez, 11
Before a (swimming) meet where we were getting ready to shout/sing/yell our cheer for the opposite team to hear. It felt like we were one big family.

Caitlyn Knor, 11
I enjoyed being around the other girls on the (tennis) team. It was really easy to get along with everyone. Everybody made you feel comfortable and it felt like a big family.

Emma Hand, 9
You got to go outside and let off steam after a whole day of being inside doing work. The games built up all these nerves beforehand, but as soon as the first whistle blew, everything else went out of your head and you got the intense, exciting rush of the game.

GIRLS' GOLF

Front Row Hannah Curtis, Gabie Ingoglia, Serena Marin, Lauren Stofko, EmmaHarvath ***Back Row*** Natalie Vellutini, Sara Ladd, Coach Bill Smitka, Rachel Jones, Nicole Howard, Haleigh Gronwold

VARSITY Overall 9-1 NCC 6-0

Lake Central Invite	4th
Crown Point Invite	5th
Kankakee Valley Invite	6th
Hobart	178
Lowell/Griffith	182 - 248
Lowell	197 - 248 - 259
Highland	179 - 243
Merrillville	202 - 216
KV/Andrean	190 - 202 - 260
Lafayette Jefferson Invite	3rd
NCC Conference	1st
Valparaiso	187 - 179
Hanover Central	191 - 213
Sectional	3rd
Regional	9th

JV BOYS' SOCCER

Front Row Justin Lukowski, Logan Rogers, JR Bales, Thomas Beckman, Alec Spicer, Reed Watkins, Micah Flahaven ***Second Row*** Coach Prasopoulos, Jake Carlson, Jordan Andric, Kosta Karagan, Mike Jonelis, Eric Salzeider, Tony Redman, Coach McCauley ***Back Row*** Khavand Peddi, Nate Kekelik, Laith Srour, Kyle Snyder, Scott Fischer, Noah Moell, Evan Dubose

JV Overall 15-1

Portage	2 - 0
Lowell	5 - 0
Kankakee Valley	7 - 0
Bishop Noll	3 - 1
Chesterton	2 - 1
Crown Point	1 - 0
Griffith	6 - 0
Merrillville	5 - 0
Hobart	6 - 0
Lake Central	0 - 0
Hamilton Southeastern	4 - 0
Highland	3 - 0
Brownsburg	4 - 0
Zionsville	2 - 0
Andrean	5 - 1
Valparaiso	2 - 1

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER

Front Row Max Lawson, David Ortega, Brandon Winter, Brett Kaufmann, Demetri Kounelis, Michael Portone, Kiriako Tsoukalas, Nik Kajmakoski, Clay Arnold, Camden Seput ***Second Row*** Manager Khavand Peddi, Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Jimmy Eaton, Dean Svolos, Emmanuel Soto, Xavier Hofferth-Pettis, Nikola Mandic, Nate Sakevicius, Yiorgo Karnezis, Coach McCauley ***Back Row*** Austin Andello, Dan Green, Michael Jimenez, Sean Pruzin, Stevan Djuric, Mladjan Jankovic

VARSITY Overall 16-4 NCC 6-0

Portage	4 - 0
Lowell	7 - 0
Kankakee Valley	4 - 0
Bishop Noll	5 - 1
Chesterton	0 - 3
Crown Point	1 - 1
Griffith	2 - 0
Merrillville	3 - 1
Hobart	3 - 1
Lake Central	2 - 0
Richmond	8 - 2
Highland	7 - 0
Brownsburg	1 - 2
Lake Forest Academy	3 - 1
Andrean	1 - 0
Valparaiso	4 - 2

Sectionals
- **Clark** 3 - 0
- **East Chicago** 3 - 0

Regionals
- **Lake Central** 1 - 0
- Chesterton 1 - 2

GIRLS' SOCCER

Front Row Coach Valerie Pflum, Jessica Tarpo, Jessica Flores, Cayla Bales, Melanie Krueger, Erin Gallagher, Rachel Tarpo, Sierra Falcon, Haley Collison ***Second Row*** Georgia Pappas, Emily Grunewald, Elise Garcia, Genesis Tienstra, Olivia Kindt, Alondra Lopez, Kaila Cragle, Tannes Shmagranoff ***Third Row*** Maria Sirounis, Jaycee Helmer, Kayleigh Yaeger, Lexie Lyons, Olivia Foley, Cami Kekelik, Brooke Newton, Abby Nita, Mackenzie Portone ***Back Row*** Emma Hand, Camryn Stassin, Lysette Garcia, Lauryn Nunez, Kendal Ziel, Madison Dinga, Jenny Watterson, Saveda Majety, Claire Bailey, Lizzie Fies, Coach John Fekete

VARSITY Overall 14-2-3 NCC 6-0

South Bend St. Joe Invite
- **Adams** 5 - 1
- Marian 0 - 2
- Northridge 1 - 1

Kankakee Valley	1 - 0
Portage	5 - 1

Argos Invite
- **Northwood** 3 - 0
- **Argos** 2 - 0

Lake Central	1 - 1
Griffith	2 - 1
Valpariaso	0 - 0
Hobart	6 - 0
Michigan City	9 - 0
Highland	2 - 1
Merriville	5 - 0
Andrean	3 - 0
Lowell	3 - 0

Sectionals
- **Highland** 2 - 0
- **Gavitt** 11 - 0
- Lake Central 1 - 2

JV Overall 10-2-1

Kankakee Valley	5 - 0
Portage	5 - 0
Hanover Central	3 - 1
Lake Central	1 - 2
Griffith	8 - 0
Valparaiso	0 - 0
Michigan City	6 - 0
Highland	0 - 0

MHS Tourney
- **Chesterton** 3 - 2
- **Crown Point** 3 - 0

Andrean	1 - 0
Morton	3 - 0
Lowell	3 - 1

Cameron Kwasigroch, 9
I liked being in track. It let me show my skills and test my abilities.

Anthony Niemiec, 10
It (track) let me hang out with people I don't see any other time of the day and worked up my commitment to a schedule and team.

Mia Bissias, 9
I am the complete opposite of athletic. Give me a basketball and I will find a way to hurt myself, break the ball, kill the hoop and possibly give someone an accidental concussion.

Hunter Ward, 10
I was in involved with the Crown Point Bulldogs Hockey Club. My favorite part for Hockey was playing against fellow classmates.

ENDING A PLACE

Marymargaret Maloney, 12
Playing LC in any sport because the back and forth chants, and the themes made the games so much more interactive and entertaining.

Adam Richter, 10
My favorite memory is at the Tennis Regional Championship in 2013. We were down in the last match but came back to win regionals. After the last point, we stormed the court.

Lexi Pitsas, 10
My favorite memory in a sports game was the feeling of winning Sectionals against LC (Lake Central) this volleyball season because it was a really good game.

Michael Jackson, 12
(My favorite memory is) when the basketball team won Regionals.

VARSITY — Overall 16-6 NCC 6-0

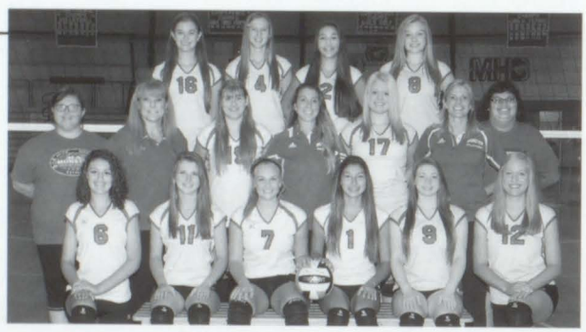
Lake Central 5-0	**Merrillville** 5-0
Valparaiso 5-0	**Chesterton** 5-0
Lowell 5-0	FW Canterbury 2-3
NC Invite 4th	**Crown Point** 3-2
Kankakee Valley 4-1	Sectionals
Highland 5-0	**Gavit** 5-0
Culver 4-1	**Griffith** 5-0
West Lafayette 2-3	Regionals
Penn 2-3	**Hobart** 5-0
South Bend 2-3	Crown Point 2-3
Hobart 5-0	
Warsaw Invite 1st	
Andrean 5-0	
Griffith 5-0	

BOYS' TENNIS

Front Row Ben Marcus, Trey Deluna, Adam Richter, Andrew Dorn, Matt Marcus, Coach Steve Lopez, Mike Rivich, Alex Wisniewski, Patrick Toth, Collin Sharpe, Arlo Detmer ***Second Row*** Sripad Kodukula, Billy Roser, Marc Levitan, Aleksander Balac, Logan Rhodes, Assistant Coach Sid Rothstein, Assistant Coach Pat Spohr, Chetan Chauhan, Aaron Wuchenich, Henry Wolf, Elliott Fus ***Back Row*** Manager Joey Baeza, Jonathan Harris, Andy Chen, Alex Yao, Manager Alex Samuels, Timothy Wiess, Jenson Huang, Easan Venkat, Austin Klawitter, Steven Nowaczyk, Manager Dylan Harish

FRESHMAN — Overall 23-0

Crown Point 2-0	**Griffith** 2-0
Valparaiso Tourney 3-1	**Bishop Noll** 2-0
Lake Central 2-0	**Lowell** 2-0
Griffith 2-0	**Wheeler** 2-0
Lowell 2-0	**Andrean** 2-1
Homewood Flossmoor 2-0	**Lake Central Tourney** 3-1
Whiting 2-0	**Hobart** 2-0
Andrean 2-0	**Highland** 2-0
Hobart 2-0	**Kankakee Valley** 2-0
Crown Point Tourney 3-1	**Portage** 2-1
Highland 2-0	
Kankakee Valley 2-0	
Chesterton 2-0	



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Front Row Michaela DelRio, Katie Szakacs, Olivia Bednarowski, Alexis Pedraza, Natalie Kuipers, Abby Chronowski ***Second Row*** Manager Katie Kordeck, Coach Janet Worries, Rebecca Dodgson, Abby Chronowski, Brianna Mossburg, Coach Tracy Summers, Manager Christina Mendoza ***Back Row*** Megan Dato, Abby Resch, Maddie Barnett, Abby Negri

JV — Overall 17-4

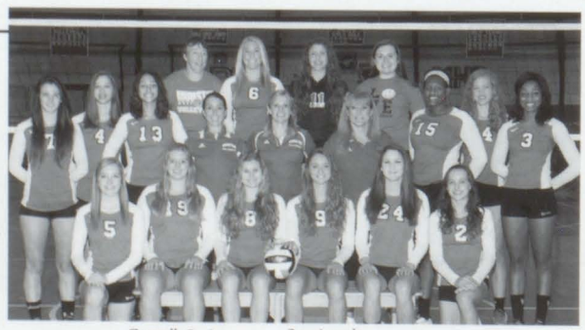
Crown Point 2-1	**Lowell** 2-0
Valparaiso Tourney 2-1	Andrean 1-2
Lake Central 0-2	**Morton** 2-0
Griffith 2-0	Wheeler 1-2
Lowell 2-0	**Hobart** 2-0
Homewood Flossmoor 2-1	**Highland** 2-1
Andrean 1-2	**Kankakee Valley** 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-0	**Portage** 2-0
Hobart 2-0	
Highland 2-0	
Kankakee Valley 2-0	
Chesterton 2-0	
Griffith 2-0	

JV VOLLEYBALL

Front Row Lauren Kuipers, Erin Wilkens, Karina Monjaras, Kalie Vickers, Jessica Weiss ***Second Row*** Coach Tracy Summers, Alex Wright, Ketie Dodgson, Molly Dolan, Taylor Dvorscak, Cathy Dilbeck ***Back Row*** Alexis Buchalo, Coach Janet Worries, Kalie Vickers

VARSITY — Overall 31-7 NCC12-0

Valparaiso 2-3	**Wheeler** 2-0
Lake Central 5-0	**Morton** 3-0
Lowell 3-0	**Aurora C.C.** 2-1
Homewood Flossmoor 2-0	**Hammond B. N.** 3-1
Andrean 3-1	**Lowell** 3-0
Bishop Noll 3-1	**Homewood Flossmoor** 2-0
Hobart 3-0	**Andrean** 3-1
Highland 3-0	**Hammond B.N.** 2-1
Kankakee Valley 3-0	**Hobart** 3-0
Lafayette 2-0	**Highland** 3-0
Rossville 2-0	**Kankakee Valley** 3-0
THS 2-0	**Terre Haute South** 2-0
Jefferson 2-0	**Rossville** 2-0
Alexandria 2-0	**Lafayette Jefferson** 2-0
Chesterton 3-0	**Alexandria** 2-0
Griffith 3-0	**Chesterton** 3-0
De La Salle 2-0	**Griffith** 3-0
Reavis 2-0	**Lowell** 3-0
Chargers 3-0	**Wheeler** 3-0
Bishop Noll 2-1	**Andrean** 3-0
Lowell 3-0	**Hammond Morton** 3-0
Highland 0-2	**Hobart** 3-0
Crown Point 1-3	**Highland** 3-1
Marian 0-2	**Mishawaka** 2-0



Carroll 0-2
Valparaiso 0-2
South Central 2-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Portage 3-0

Sectionals
Lowell 3-0
Highland 3-0
Lake Central 3-2
Valparaiso 0-3

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Front Row Eudora Negri, Lauren Adams, Alex Sullivan, Toni DalleCarbonare, Tori Foster, Maddie Foley ***Second Row*** Arielle Crowe, Marijke VanDyke, Coach Cathy Dilbeck, Coach Tracy Summers, Coach Janet Worries, Quinn Harris, Mega Dafiaghor ***Back Row*** Allison Hajduch, Manager Patty Pfister, Blaire Barnett, Lexi Pitsas, Manager Maureen Doherty, Alyssa Chronowski

Hannah Curtis, 10
I play golf, and I think my favorite part is being able to laugh at a bad shot. I don't think you can do that in many other sports.

Anisha Vavilala, 11
The best part, for me, is definitely getting to know your teammates. You get to meet people you probably wouldn't have, and many times, you form lasting friendships

Elena Perala Vicente, 11
My favorite part of being involved in a sport is meeting new people and having new experiences.

Kelli Canul, 9
I like being on tennis because I compete in singles, but I'm also on a team.

William Ault, 11
(My favorite part is) the people I get to be with.

Jacob Strbjak, 10
My favorite part about being in a sport is that the team is like my second family because we act like one when we play together as a team. We always get along and always have fun. The sport won't be fun unless your team is like a family.

Cody Crary, 9
(My favorite memory is) when my friend wore the money suit for state for JV Wrestling.

Aaron Welch, 11
My favorite thing about being in baseball is the practices are easy.

FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Dylan Bullock, Noah Moell, Luciano Medina, Tony Daniels, Jimmy Forde, Matthew Manous, Logan Hoskins ***Back Row*** Joe Yoniles, Robert Wente, Russell Smith, Brandon Baker, Jacob Anderson, Owais Siddiqui, Tommy Maloney, Coach Jack Cundiff

FRESHMAN

Overall 13-7

Crown Point	20 - 28	**East Chicago**	47 - 37
Lowell	31 - 30	Highland Tourney	
Highland	25 - 31	Lake Central	38 - 55
Morton	46 - 25	**Highland**	46 - 36
Kankakee Valley	58 - 26	**Merrillville**	35 - 28
Hobart	51 - 41	**Andrean**	39 - 26
Hammond High	37 - 46	**Valparaiso**	51 - 36
Chesterton	35 - 27	**Portage**	36 - 21
Lake Central	34 - 32		
Bishop Noll	39 - 41		
Michigan City	35 - 47		
Bowman Academy	57 - 59		
Griffith	47 - 36		

JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Henry Wolf, Kyle Buvala, Peter Kounelis, Jake Ingoglia, Demetri Fotopoulos ***Back Row*** Coach Jake Argenta, Christian Cruz, Mike Madura, Jake Stribjack, Milan Obradovic, Tommy Maloney, Coach Greg Luksich

JV

Overall 15-7

Bishop Noll	70 - 25	**Valparaiso**	41 - 42
Portage	46 - 44	**Griffith**	49 - 47
Morton	46 - 35	**Merrillville**	48 - 45
East Chicago	51 - 27	**Gary West Side**	45 - 37
LaPorte	45 - 38	Chesterton	44 - 48
Crown Point	41 - 55	Andrean	37 - 32
Penn	38 - 49	**Bowman Academy**	52 - 27
Lake Central	34 - 39		
Columbia City	51 - 40		
Carroll	35 - 50		
Kankakee Valley	41 - 32		
Highland	39 - 27		
Michigan City	45 - 31		
Hobart	43 - 50		
Lowell	38 - 34		

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Connor Manous, Kevin Schlotman, Drew Hackett, Austin Eiland, Luke Pillarella ***Second Row*** Trainer John Doherty, Coach Greg Luksich, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Jack Cundiff ***Back Row*** Luke Hackett, Mike Madura, Jake Strbjack, Nikola Mandic, Adam Ostoich, Antoine VanDyke

VARSITY

Overall 21-5 NCC 6-0

Bishop Noll	63 - 44	**Merrillville**	51 - 50
Portage	57 - 56	**Gary West**	65 - 51
Morton	64 - 51	**Chesterton**	76 - 60
East Chicago	51 - 74	**Andrean**	51 - 49
LaPorte	62 - 52	**Bowman**	73 - 53
Crown Point	57 - 65	Sectionals	
Penn	61 - 64	**Lake Central**	61 - 45
Lake Central	62 - 54	**Gary West Side**	50 - 42
Caroll Tourney		**East Chicago**	88 - 77
Merrillville	64 - 32	Regionals	
Marion	29 - 68	Crown Point	58 - 50
Kankakee Valley	73 - 41		
Highland	72 - 36		
Michigan City	56 - 71		
Hobart	79 - 34		
Lowell	63 - 51		
Valparaiso	48 - 47		
Griffith	62 - 53		

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Morgan Schoon, Kendal Ziel, Lena Newton, Verania Rivera ***Second Row*** Shekinah Walton, Taneigh Boyd, Coach Mark Dye, Sarah Wanicki, Kiele Brown ***Back Row*** Jennifer Watterson, Kim Giannini

FRESHMAN

Overall 7-7

Hanover Central	24 - 14
Hobart	21 - 25
Bishop Noll	34 - 13
Highland	33 - 30
Lake Central	9 - 35
Kankakee Valley	24 - 39
Portage	17 - 42
Chesterton	12 - 44
Crown Point	33 - 23
Bishop Noll	37 - 23
Portage	29 - 38
T.F. North	23 - 4
Griffith	27 - 21
Valparaiso	25 - 29

Matt Armour, 9
I like the feeling of having a team your friends with and I love the excitement of playing a game.

Eric Picard, 11
(My favorite memory is) golfing every day in nice weather.

Katherine Szakacs, 10
I like being able to come together as a team and working to win things and become a family.

Jarod Sohacki, 10
I like to remember my time at the school football games and goofing around with my friend.

FINDING A PLACE

Stephanie Vjestica, 10
My favorite memory in a sport was competing at Nationals in Florida with my teammates. It was an amazing experience, and we made countless memories.

Jillian Dixon, 10
My favorite memory is when Cheer made it to State finals and placed sixth; Munster has never made it to the finals.

Amanda Osterhus, 11
My favorite thing about being on the Softball Team is getting to play on the field with some of my favorite people in the world.

Noah O'Mara, 10
Learning from and being around the guys and the Track Team has been an overall great experience.

JV

Overall 13-8

Chesterton	15-35	**Calumet**	44-14
Andrean	31-26	Mishawaka Marion	27-31
Bowman	46-11	**Hanover Central**	42-24
Lake Central	24-67	**Kankakee Valley**	40-39
Hobart	23-33	**Highland**	60-28
Morton	36-24	**T.F. North**	44-34
Lowell	45-35	East Chicago	42-49
Gary West Side	36-40	Vaparaiso	27-42
Griffith	46-9	Portage	35-31
Clark	72-11	**Hammond High**	40-18
Crown Point	35-25		

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Nicole Howard, Dominique Schupp, Jaycee Helmer ***Second Row*** Cameron Kekelik, Meredith Lee, Abby Andersen, Genesis Tienstra ***Back Row*** Maeve Riley, Coach Patrick Spohr, Sierra Stepanovich

VARSITY

Overall 11-12 NCC 4-2

Chesterton	44-48	Crown Point	28-57
Andrean	60-56	**Calumet**	70-26
Bowman Academy	63-33	**Marian**	52-47
Lake Central	38-73	Hanover Central	42-56
Hobart	52-57	Kankakee Valley	38-43
Hammond Morton	36-40	**Highland**	60-51
Lowell	62-56	East Chicago	56-59
Gary West Side	44-66	Valparaiso	52-62
Griffith	45-31	**Portage**	59-52
South Bend Clay	62-34	**Hammond High**	71-26
LaPorte	36-58	Sectionals	
Hammond Clark	75-30	East Chicago	38-54

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front Row Megan Wilkens, Sammi Buvala, Natalie Vellutini, Dominique Schupp, Maria Sirounis ***Second Row*** Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Jordan Cole, Miranda Mihalic, Megan Zabrecky, Abby Andersen, Coach Jim Davidson ***Back Row*** Coach Patrick Spohr, Jaycee Helmer, Madelyn Moore, Nicole Howard, Coach Larry Dye

JV

Hobart High School Stunt Competition
Stunt Group One 1st
Stunt Group Two 2nd

JV CHEER

Front Row Thalia Chioros, Stephanie Patterson, Taylor Homans, Mara DiCarlo ***Second Row*** Lauren Stofko, Katie Dedelow, Dana Levitan, Kirsten Chavez, Autumn Whaley ***Back Row*** Anna Slosser, Lily Porter, Abigail Rivera, Christina DeVries, Rebecca Radtke, Kyrie Brown

VARSITY

Purdue University Competition 3rd
Lowell High School Competition 2nd
State Finalist
State Competition 6th
Hobart High School Stunt Competition 1st

VARSITY CHEER

Front Row Sophia Sakelaris, Tessa Bales, Gwynn Hammermeister ***Second Row*** Mary Pugh, Emily Zellinger, Gabriella Herrera, Hannah Zaremba ***Back Row*** Kassandra Luehrs, Khalehla Strong, Briana Crowe, Brittney Lee, Jillian Dixon

Zack Simic, 11
I liked messing around at track practices or meets.

Brandon Glasen, 10
My favorite part is all the laughs we had and all the memories we created as a team.

Brittany Barajas, 12
I am on the Track team, and I love my teammates. We cheer for each other all the time and challenge each other to work harder than ever before in practice. I also love the fact that when we are not running, we are usually making each other laugh about something ridiculous.

Kyrie Brown, 10
I am apart of the Cheer team. My favorite part is getting the crowd pumped up.

Seth Gutwein, 12
(My favorite memory is) walking out under the Friday night lights against LC (Lake Central) with Jacob Helmer, Dillon Pierie and Adam Ostoich to do the coin toss.

Dylan Goodman, 11
My favorite part about being a member on the Dance Team is competing at so many competitions.

Daniel Spencer, 11
My favorite part about being on the Track Team is chilling with cool people and making new friends.

Cristian Patio, 10
(My favorite memory is) winning together.

JV DANCE

Front Row Reem Alsakaji, Emma Harvath, Jolie Goldberg, Jacqueleen Gonzalez ***Second Row*** Victoria Williams, Christina Nowaczyk, Maggie Van Kleek, Emily Mudroncik, Kate Radde ***Back Row*** Niki Crowe, Sofia Balac, Gabie Ingoglia, Anna Dabrowski

JV

McCutcheon		Regional	
Pom	1st	Pom	2nd
Jazz	1st	Jazz	2nd
UDA Chicagoland		State	
Pom	6th	**Pom**	1st
Jazz	3rd	Jazz	2nd
Homestead			
Pom	1st		
Jazz	2nd		
Lake Central			
Pom	1st		
Jazz	2nd		

VARSITY DANCE

Front Row Meredith Simmons, Maggie Gerber, Julianne Rice, Catherine Tavitas ***Second Row*** Dylan Goodman, Katie Wiening, Makayla Woods, Jackie Dye, Sara Wilson ***Back Row*** Caia Trykall, Mary Kate Pruzin, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Stephanie Vjestica, Melissa Fronczek, Sugar Fane

VARSITY

McCutcheon	
Pom	1st
Jazz	2nd
UDA Chicagoland	
Pom	2nd
Jazz	6th
UDA Nationals	2nd
Homestead	
Pom	1st
Jazz	3rd
Lake Central	
Pom	3rd
Jazz	1st
Regional	
Pom	1st
Jazz	2nd
State	
Pom	1st
Jazz	4th

BOYS' SWIMMING

Front Row Evan Torres, Eric Wallace, Brandon Silver, Jeremy Gonzalez, Josh Perez, Vincent Niaves, Manager Emily Niaves ***Second Row*** Matthew Dempsey, James Svolos, Jake Hemingway, Joey Baeza, Thomas Beckman, Nick Lundin, Alec Samardzich, Armani Chavolla ***Third Row*** Dakota Gronkiewicz, Wilson Beckman, Jack Wulf, Jacob Comanse, Julian Lagunas, Michael Johnston, Chris Snyder, Steven Nowaczyk ***Back Row*** Logan Armagast, Andres Bedolla, Coach Bill Chappo, Alec Thomspon, Coach Mathew Pavlovich, Collin Sroge, Coach Cara Briggs, Seth Weston, Joey Gardner

VARSITY NCC 5-0 Overall 13-3

Penn	96 - 87
Griffith	144 - 50
Munster Relays	1st
Kankakee Valley	134 - 36
Valparaiso	128 - 62
Crown Point	129 - 56
HSE Invite	2nd
South Bend Riley	123 - 57
Highland Invite	1st
Lowell	147 - 38
Hobart	1st
Lake Central	128 - 58
Highland	132 - 50
Chesterton	86 - 100
Sectionals	1st
State	8th

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Front Row Caitlyn Gilbert, Sydney Kawalec, Taylor Brant, Amanda Zak, Hannah Dempsey, Kaitlyn McHale ***Second Row*** Megan Larson, Melissa Bermudez, Sophia Zavala, Aleksandra Manojlovic, Isabella Blackford, Nicole Wakefield, Charlene Cortez ***Third Row*** Audrey Mayer, Miranda Adams, Siman Khatra, Kristin Osborne, Mary Bridget Baeza, Brigid McGinty, Manager Emily Niaves ***Back Row*** Megan Wimmer, Coach Bill Chappo, Nikki Smith, Coach Jelena Gober, Allison Cunningham, Coach Mathew Pavlovich, Maggie Vaitkus

VARSITY Overall 10-6 NCC 5-0

Penn	74 - 112
Hobart	128 - 57
Highland	144 - 41
Griffith	152 - 25
Kankakee Valley	128 - 44
Valparaiso	125 - 61
Crown Point	72 - 111
Lowell	133 - 50
HSE Invite	3rd
South Bend Riley	113 - 73
Highland Invite	2nd
Lake Central	110.5 - 75.5
Conference	1st
Chesterson	67 - 119
Sectionals	1st
State	11th

Sam Springsteen, 9
My favorite part of my club was the people I got to be around. Everyone was kind, and I enjoyed spending time with all of them.

Gabi Herrea, 10
In cheerleading and tennis, I loved the relationship you made with everyone on the team.

Joey Baeza, 9
When we won sectionals for the 30th year in a row for swim.

Katie Dedelow, 9
(My favorite memory is) making it to State for cheer and getting sixth place because we worked really hard and I got closer with my team.

FINDING A PLACE

Monique Castro, 9
(My favorite was) probably being able to hang out with all of my friends.

Jeremiah Yuhas, 9
(My favorite memory was) walking around with my friends.

Samantha Rivera, 9
(My favorite memory was) probably running around the field wrapped in a blanket with Jenna and Alainna at track meets.

Ameerah Omar, 9
My best friends were the volleyball players on the freshman team and it was their last game of the season. The score was pretty close, but they ended up winning. That made them undefeated for the whole sesaon. Afterwards we all had cake with the whole team and celebreated.

VARSITY

Northern Indiana Challenge	9th
Andrean	24 -18
Plymouth	5th
Highland	26 -19
Traicoff Tourney	14th
Al Smith Invite	26th
Lake County Invite	6th
NCC	5th
Sectionals	4th
Regionals	7th
Semi-State	21st

*Several scores unavailable at time of print

WRESTLING

Front Row Jacob Fitch, Jason Crary, Zeke Clark, Elian Magana, Cody Crary, Matthew Tabaczynski ***Second Row*** Coach Zach Slosser, Coach Daniel Johnson, Michael Szewka, Vinny Misch, Jon Fahey-Smith, Andrew Zachary, Isaac Luehrs, Coach Dan Gelarden, Coach Jordon Cooper ***Back Row*** Josh Brann, Ryan Glasen, Dylan DeYoung, Adam Kulam, Jeremy Sarnowski

FRESHMAN

Overall 10-1-9

Chesterton	12 - 0	**Hobart**	16 - 0
Andrean	1 - 3	Valparaiso	1 - 5
Portage	9 - 9	Lake Central	0 - 3
Highland	2 - 4	**Crown Point**	9 - 8
Valparaiso	3 - 10	**Lowell**	7 - 2
Boone Grove	8 - 4	**Lowell**	7 - 6
Lake Central	0 - 11	Lake Central Tourney	
Crown Point	2 - 10	Andrean	2 - 12
Chesterton	14 - 4	**Marian Catholic**	10 - 7
Hobart	2 - 0		
Highland	6 - 9		
Portage	13 - 4		

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Front Row Jacob Fitch, Justin Brent, Josh Dragicevich, Matthew Manous, Noah Montoya ***Second Row*** Joseph Richard, Anthony Ruffalo, Jack Strimel, Kyle Snyder, Xavier Unzueta, Noah Moell ***Back Row*** Jacob Anderson, Carson Ramirez, Alex Weakland, Zach Eng, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

JV

Overall 12-5

		Lake Central	3 - 9
		Crown Point	16 - 8
		Hobart	0 - 1
		Hobart	2 - 1
		East Chicago	14 - 0
		Lowell	13 - 3
		Whiting	18 - 2
		Morton	1 - 3
		Griffith	14 - 3
		Griffith	14 - 4
		BishopNoll	6 - 0
		Kankakee Valley	11 - 4
		Andrean	4 - 5
		Portage	13 - 2
		Highland	5 - 7
		Highland	7 - 3
		Merrillville	11 - 1

JV BASEBALL

Front Row CJ Gloff, Logan Demkovich, Josh Brann, Reid Miller, Jimmy Forde, Alex Baltensberger ***Second Row*** Mike Brozovic, Brandon Boilek, Hunter Zukley, Ryan Thometz, Dominick Delia, Ruben Shehigian, Tom Gervase ***Back Row*** Shame Smolinski, Brandon Glasen, Aaron Welch, Tyler Etter, Jordan Davis, Coach Matt Backs

VARSITY

Overall 19-10 NCC 11-1

Hammond Clark	10 - 0	**Kankakee Valley**	10-0
New Haven	0 - 9	**Kankakee Valley**	19-0
Terre Haute South	9 - 6	**Andrean**	3-2
Merrillville	12 - 6	Andrean	0-5
Crown Point	7 - 8	**Portage**	9-1
Valparaiso	3 - 4	**TF South**	9-8
Lake Central	7 - 17	**Highland**	5-2
Hobart	5 - 1	**Highland**	6-1
Hobart	3 - 2	Ft. Wayne Concordia	5-8
Gary West Side	19 - 2	**Bellmont**	6-4
East Chicago Central	19 - 1		
Lowell	2 - 1	Sectionals	
Lowell	11 - 0	Lake Central	3-5
Whiting	4 - 5		
Hammond Morton	0 - 4		
Griffith	10 - 0		
Griffith	5 - 0		
Bishop Noll	14 - 4		

VARSITY BASEBALL

Front Row Tom De Cero, Grant Rademacher, Matt Childs, Jordan Cistola, Mike Madura, Logan Armagast, Patrick Burke, Trevor Brooks ***Second Row*** Nick Fromm, Connor Manous, Alex Mis, Jimmy Delis, Andrew Jumonville, Bret Miller, Richard Parra, Kyle Palermo, Zach Kall ***Back Row*** Joe Bryant, Coach Jeff Rosen, Coach Alex Coccia, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach John Premtez, Coach Matt Backs, Coach Mikolajczyk, Michael Szumlas

Connor Bubash, 11
(My favorite was when) a kid in a red morphsuit ran across the soccer field during one of the last regular season home games.

Dom Lucito, 12
My favorite memory from track was when the SQUAD (Matt Marcus, Jeff Protor, Miles Barilla, and Seth Gutwein) has a 'Roast Time' and we all just made jokes about each other.

Obiageli Oniah, 10
When Munster won sectionals for basketball and everyone was so excited, it just filled me with a lot of pride.

Danielle Hladek, 12
My favorite sporting memory was being in the front row of the student section with one of my best friends, Jordan Cole (12), when we beat Lake Central in football and were wearing togas.

Molly Dolan, 9
It was great to see how close everyone on the team got. By the end of the season, we were a big family.

Ani Arzumanian, 10
(My) favorite memory would definitely be Boys' Basketball winning Sectionals. The best feeling was everyone body in the student section getting each other hyped and just getting really excited about winning the game.

Brandon Glasen, 10
My favorite memory from being on a sports team would probably be when I hit my frist homerun when I was 8 years old.

Niki Kamalipour, 12
My favorite memory from being a a sports event would have to be the excitement and energy of the crowd and seeing the fans dedication to their team.

BOYS' GOLF

Front Row Mike Marich, Josh Novosel, Tony Daniels, Cody Phillips, Brandon Andreasen, Merrick Lieser, Louis DalleCarbonare ***Back Row*** Coach Bill Smitka, Eric Picard, Adam Ostoich, Blake Gardiner, Easan Venkat, Drew Hackett, Nick Enochs

VARSITY Overall 3-15 NCC 1-5

Lake Central	200 - 151
Highland	200 - 185
Morton	182 - 269
Highland	186 - 183
Chesterton	5 - 0
Portage	198 - 175
Boone Grove	180 - 173
Kankakee Valley	180 - 177
Rensselaer Invite	9th
Andrean	193 - 167
Hobart	192 - 189
Griffith	191 - 187
Crown Point Invite	6th
Hanover Central	183 - 185
Lowell	159 - 206
Lake Central Invite	15th
NCC Tourney	4th
Sectionals	4th

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

Front Row Morgan Schoon, Ashley Savickis, Brianna Plemons, Mackenzie Leick, Sarah Johnson, Amanda Chipules ***Back Row*** Sara Mavity, Megan Wolski, Allison Snyder, Amy Kaniewski, Meagan Thornburg, Coach Kathleen LaPorte

FRESHMAN Overall 7-3

Crown Point	10 - 1
Crown Point	6 - 9
Clark	11 - 1
West Side	17 - 1
Merrillville	4 - 5
Merrillville	13 - 3
Wheeler	12 - 2
North Newton	18 - 9
Illiana Christian	3 - 7
Crown Point	18 - 2

JV SOFTBALL

Front Row Chloe Miller, Genesis Tienstra, Abby Kiesling, Meagan Thornburg, Sara Mavity ***Second Row*** Manager Erin Maley, Sarah Johnson, Gabriella Richey, Nicole Katalinic ***Back Row*** Coach Ron Moore, Amy Kaniewski, Samantha Zaborowski, Allison Snyder, Coach Kathleen LaPorte

JV Overall 13-3 NCC 5-0

Hanover Central	10 - 1	**Highland**	7 - 2
Lake Central	5 - 2	TF South	1 - 2
Portage	0 - 2	Lowell Tourny	
Bishop Noll	11 - 1	**North Newton**	14 - 0
Crown Point	12 - 0	Griffith	0 - 1
Kankakee Valley	17 - 0	**Lowell**	5 - 4
Lowell	11 - 8	**Valparaiso**	13 - 0
Griffith	11 - 1		
Hobart	13 - 3		
Highland	4 - 1		
Kankakee Valley	11 - 1		
NCC			
Lake Central	1 - 4		
LaPorte	6 - 2		
Lowell	6 - 10		
Griffith	15 - 1		
Hobart	11 - 1		

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Front Row Rebecca Radtke, Melissa McCann, Nicole Howard, Taylor Kotzo, Tegan Murphy ***Second Row*** Jillian Ackermann, Katie Gloff, Paige Kwasigroch, Michaella Lorenz, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Kelsie Kasper ***Back Row*** Amanda Osterhus, Manager Christina Mendoza, Coach Ron Moore, Coach Beth Thornburg, Coach Kathleen LaPorte, Manager Katie Kordeck, Maddie Moore

VARSITY Overall 24-1-7 NCC 12-0

Hanover Central	7 - 5	**Macanaquoh**	12 - 2
Lake Central	5 - 5	**West Lafayette**	5 - 0
Portage	1 - 7	**Caroll**	8 - 3
Bishop Noll	7 - 6	**Hobart**	12 - 0
Andrean	7 - 0	**Highland**	9 - 3
Crown Point	0 - 10	**TF South**	10 - 0
Kankakee Valley	6 - 1	Penn	3 - 4
Lowell	8 - 5	**Valparaiso**	5 - 3
Griffith	7 - 0	**Beecher**	6 - 4
Wheeler	10 - 0	Chesterton	3 - 4
Hobart	7 - 5		
Highland	7 - 2	Sectionals	
Andrean	14 - 8	**West Side**	10-0
Illiana Christian	2 - 1	Lake Central	2-7
Kankakee Valley	16 - 3		
Carmel	4 - 9		
Avon	0 - 2		
Lowell	4 - 3		
Griffith	4 - 1		
Hanover Central	9 - 0		

Kevin Schlotman, 12
(My favorite memory was) bonding with my teammates and having a good time winning.

Catherine Tavitas, 12
(My favorite memory would) probably be the football games. My team and I liked to goof off on the sidelines and there wasn't a lot of pressure on us performance wise.

Elena Perala, 11
My favorite part of being involved in a sport is meeting new people and having new experiences.

Jimmy Delis, 12
Sports helped me establish relationships that I'm going to have the rest of my life. I made memories. I'll never forget like the bus rides during baseball games.

FINDING A PLACE

Seth Gutwein, 12
(My favorite memory would be) advancing to state for the 4x1 since it was the 23rd fastest time in the state of Indiana history.

Nick Kotz, 12
Upsetting Lake Central in the Illiana Cup was a memory I'll never forget.

Anisha Vavilala, 11
The best part, for me, is definetely getting to know my teammates. You get to meet people you probably wouldn't have and many times, you form lasting friendships.

Kelli Canul, 9
I liked being on tennis because I can compete in singles, but I'm also on a team.

GIRLS' TENNIS

VARSITY Overall 16-4 NCC 6-0

Crown Point	3-2
Lowell	5-0
Highland	5-0
Lake Central	2-3
Hobart	5-0
Andrean	5-0
Kankakee Valley	5-0
Griffith	5-0
Fairfield	2-3
Culver	3-2
Chesterton	4-1
South Bend St Joe	1-4
Valparaiso	5-0

Sectionals	
Highland	5-0
Hammond High	5-0
Griffith	5-0
Regionals	
Andrean	5-0
Crown Point	5-0
Semi-State	
Avon	3-2
State	2nd

Front Row Kelli Canul, Kaylynn Gruder, Allison Dinh, Maddy Purcell, Anna Riggs, Nikki Heiniger, Aarju Patel, Sara Ladd, Anisha Vavilala, Melissa Fronczek ***Second Row*** Tessa Bales, Gabie Herrera, Caitlyn Knor, Coach Sid Rothstein, Coach Dave Cafmeyer, Coach Patrick Spohr, Perima Shah, Tara Layous, Ria Shah, Palak Patel ***Back Row*** Gabby Ramirez, Lily Stooksbury, Natalia Salazar, Hansa Vavilala, Maeve Riley, Isabell Malagon, Alex Campbell, Anisha Kondamuri

BOYS' TRACK

VARSITY Overall 8-2 NCC 6-0

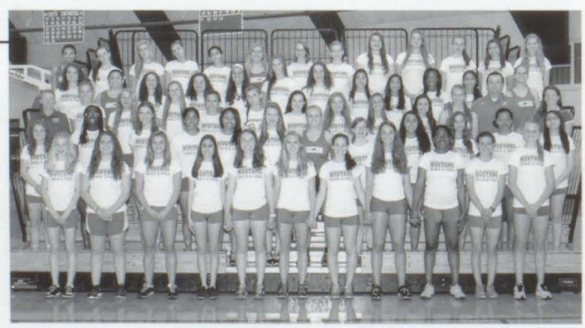
Andrean	111 - 16
Kankakee Valley	106.66 - 25.33
Griffith	99 - 24
Lowell	81 - 42
Highland	121 - 11
Hobart	89 - 43
NCC	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	2nd
State	40th

Front Row Javier Campos, Ian Frantal, Jack Jones, Chris Kirincic, Arthur Carey, Manny Lopez, Tim Chavez, Jimmy Murphy, Brian Banach, Gage Knor, Scott Farley, Nick Bleza, Casey Terry, Cristian Eloisa ***Second Row*** Coach Nic Gron, Tyler Keslin, Liam Gallagher, Nick Szala, Owais Siddiqui, Jared Hill, Dom Lucito, Porter Taylor, Matt Michel, Isaac Gutierrez, Matthew Georgas, AJ Zachary, Andrew Rapata, Coach Mary Kate Conway, Coach John Stamper ***Third Row*** Nick Sopcic, Kyle Jen, Daniel Spencer, Nate Kekelik, Bilal Siddiqui, Yiorgo Karnezis, Brad Sikora, Kyle Buvala, Jake Ingolia, Hunter Small, Zack Geron, Ray Ojel ***Fourth Row*** Matt Marcus, Miles Barilla, Jeff Proctor, Seth Gutwein, Noah O'Mara, Josh Hoogewerf, Chris Charles, Michael Jonelis ***Back Row*** Clay Arnold, Theo Burgwald, Antoine Van Dyke, Zack Simic, Anthony Niemiec, Chris McLeod, Sean Wagner, Diego Alanis, Jack Warren, Jon Fahey-Smith

GIRLS' TRACK

VARSITY Overall 11-2 NCC 6-0

Bishop Noll Invite	1st
Battle of the Border	1st
Ed Woodrick Invite	1st
NCC	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	3rd
State	13th



Front Row Nicole Biel, Eleni Georgalas, Haley Collison, Kassandra Barraza, Brittany Barajas, Casey Boelt, Olivera Todorovic, Toni DalleCarbonare, Tola Ibikunle, Jill Ylo, Jaycee Helmer ***Second Row*** Emily Grunewald, Zola Carter, Megan Dato, Saveda Majety, Kristen Davidson, Claire Bailey, Olivia Bednarowski, Hannah Levy, Cecelia Zavala, Jenna Sell, Alainna Carey, Samantha Rivera ***Third Row*** Coach Rick Sluder, Sammi Buvala, Cami Kekelik, Abby Resch, Elena Perala, Melanie Mooney, Allison Fromm, Sydney Kaplan, Kendal Ziel, Ani Arzumanian, Gabie Ingoglia, Coach Tom Barnes, Coach Cara Germann ***Fourth Row*** Julianne Roser, Dara Medina, Aileen Wagner, Abbey Wagner, Maria Sirounis, Corin Erwin, Silvia Lombardo, Arianna Lagunas, Jasmine Toor, Chelsea Okolocha, Elise Garcia, Mackenzie Peirick ***Back Row*** Alondra Lopez, Kyra Marriott, Mallory Grim, Emma Gouliaev, Isabel Nieves, Abigail Kapitan, Lexi Chipules, Sarah Gandarilla, Ashley Anderson, Lauren Adams, Olivia Foley, Abigail Nita, Sarah Wanicki

Kyrie Brown, 10
I am apart of the Cheerleading team. My favorite part was getting the crowd pumped up.

Daniel Spencer, 11
My favorite part about being on the track team was chilling with cool people and making new friends.

Matt Armoni, 9
I liked the feeling of having a team your friends with and I love the excitment of playing a game.

Avi Sahi, 12
The memories and relationships I have built.

Jacob Opat, 12
My favorite part about being part of the Envirothon team was practicing with my teammates. We grew very close with one another as our competition date drew closer and closer.

Alexis Mason, 12
My favorite part is being able to do the club with the same people and have fun.

Jamie Deja, 12
Just being able to be involved as a whole.

Julian Ramirez, 10
Making new friends and meeting new people made being in a club very enjoyable.

ACADEMIC SUPERBOWL

Front Row Bala Chockalingam, Nirav Patwari, Mackinzie Farnell, Lauren Martin ***Back Row*** Christian Tagamolila, Daniel Soeka, Julie Chael, Anthony Zmuda, Patrick Wu, Adam Richter

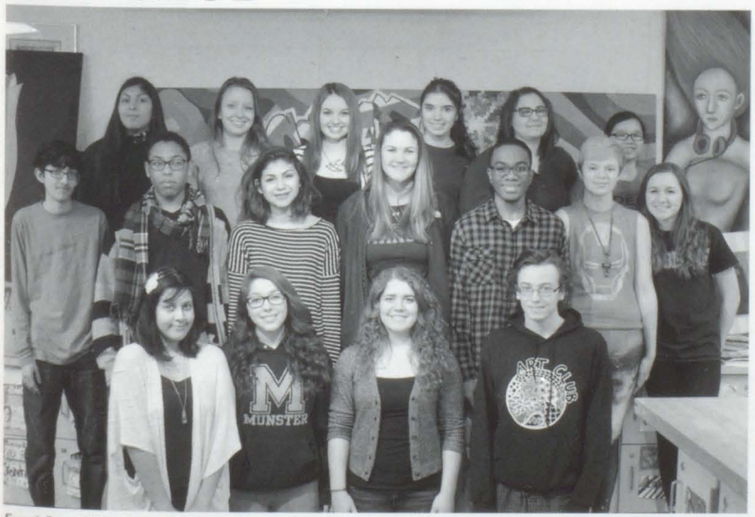
Location: Mr. Patrick O'Neill's room, N167
Sponsor: Mr. Patrick O'Neill, science teacher
Officers: Kevin Fuhs, 12 (Interdisciplinary, Math & Science Captain), Walker Hedgepath, 12 (Social Studies Captain), Daniel Soeka, 11 (Fine Arts Captain), Mackinzie Farnell, 10 (English Captain)

ASL CLUB

Front Row Jordan Anderson ***Second Row*** Ashley McPartlan, Stacy Cross, Claire LeMonnier, Garrett McShea, Savannah Shaver, Mary Pugh, Ashley Hayes ***Back Row*** Christina Sanchez, Luke Persic, Joey Gardner, Emma Slosser

Location: Outside of Dante's at a Deaf Event
Sponsor: Ms. Christine Stanish, ASL teacher
Officers: Jordan Anderson, 12 (President), Joey Gardner, 12 (Vice President), Allison Hemingway, 12 (Secretary), Hannah Dempsey, 12 (Public Relations)

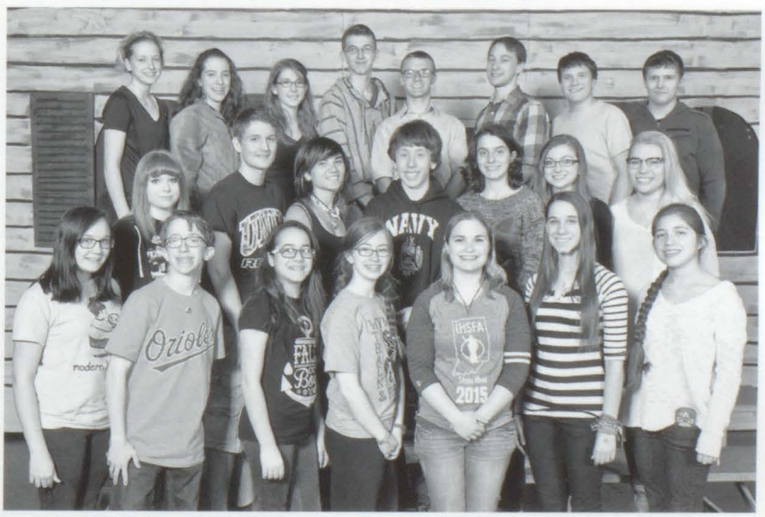
ART CLUB



Front Row Shivani Dighamber, Heather Born, Eleni Georgalas, Kevynne Spork ***Second Row*** Emilio Malagon, Ian Brundige, Julia Torres, Tori Foster, Carlos Douglas, Chloe Moffett Lily Warren ***Back Row*** Christina Sanchez, Clara Kopasz, Savannah Shaver, Maria Rucinski, Jocelyn Rivera

Location: Mrs. Elena Lopez's room, S104
Sponsor: Ms. Elena Lopez, art teacher
Officers: Carlos Douglas, 11 (President), Jordan Anderson, 12 (Vice President), Tori Foster, 12 (Treasurer), Eleni Geogalas, 11 (Secretary)

AUDITORIUM STAFF



Front Row Olivia Hesterman, Ethan Levy, Veronica Casillas, Hannah Levy, Tatiana Shinkan, Claire LeMonnier, Alexa Chipules ***Second Row*** Megan Eickleberry, Garret Glover, Olivia Truett, Jacob Levy, Jenna Cappo, Amy McDunn, Megan Mirowski ***Back Row*** Sarah Seaman, Silvia Lombardo, Paige Mecyssine, Jake Bobeck, Clayton St. Martin, George Jurincie, Daniel Cappo, Andrew Vacari

Location: The auditorium
Sponsor: Dr. Larry Brechner, auditorium director
Officers: George Jurincie, 12 (Technical Director), Clayton St. Martin, 12 (Production Manager)

Prabhneet Girn, 12
I got spiked by another girl five minutes into my race. Duff said, "Prab, I know you're hurting, but you gotta push." In that moment, I felt so alive despite the pain and set my personal record."

Michelle Fies, 12
I'm involved in ASL Club and my favorite part about it was learning about deaf culture and the community.

Mariah Vargas, 10
My favorite part about being in a club was going to all of the fun events.

Jessica Pazik, 11
My favorite part about being in a club was getting to know people outside my classes, and getting to participate in the club activities.

FINDING A PLACE

Jonathan Neeley, 11

Alisha Gonslorowski, 12
I love that in Poetry Club we are all connected and can express ourselves freely."

Timothy Wiess, 12
The best part of being on a team for Munster is the unity. You don't only feel closer with your teammates, but you feel closer to your friends in other sports. It is a closeness deeper than just being classmates can produce."

Ricky Greep, 12
Meeting new people and getting time to hangout with friends."

BAND:MARCHING

Front Row Ryanna Pastrana, Mia Bissias, Danielle DeCesaris, Amanda Perez ***Second Row*** Jhoanna Sadural, Megan Spence, Jeanne Drwiega, Dailyn Mendez, Delaney Mendez ***Back Row*** Sean Hasse, Arlo Detmer, William Ault, Kayetan Wozniak, Jenai Richards

Location: Band Room
Sponsor: Mr. Bret Winterhiemer
Officers:

BAND: MARCHING

Front Row Deepali Patil, Kelsey Lynch, Emma Stevens, Jasmine Toor, Prabhneet Girn ***Second Row*** Jeremy Murphy, Nolan Lomeli, Leo Ortiz, Clayton St. Martin, Daniel Kapitan, Mike Szewka ***Back Row*** Qionte Johnson, Jacob Fitch, Joshua Morris, Riley McKeever, Zachary Geron

BAND: MARCHING

Front Row Genesis Tienstra, Cat Oesterle, Aneri Patel, Caitlin Fitch ***Second Row*** Rosalinda DeLuna, Briana Lopez, Stephen Spence, Abigail Jurado, Michael Buchalo ***Back Row*** John Karamichos, Elliott Fus, Joseph Roe, Josh Hoogewerf, Michaela Del Rio, Emily Whitaker

BAND: MARCHING

Front Row Jenna Cappo, Mei Brasel, Taylor Fishman, Ferrance Mittelberger, Dara Medina, Arlee O'Shaughnessy ***Second Row*** Evan Doy, Noah Schlossberger, Luciana Medina, Noah Schacki, David Suavez, Jason Stout, Jonathan Herrera ***Back Row*** Neil Gainer, Adam Kulam, Michael Archew, Daniel Cappo, Issac Brody, Adam Richard Matthew Levin

Samuel Wagner, 12
Being able to hang out with friends."

Helen Newton, 9
I loved meeting new people and being on a team."

Greg Hester, 9
Getting to play with your friends."

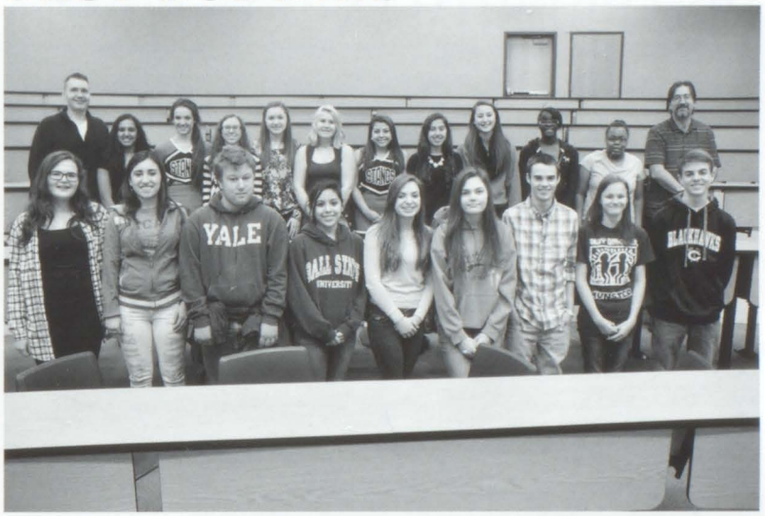
Mandy McCullough, 9
Getting to meet new people you can become good friends with."

BEST BUDDIES

Front Row Dana Handler, Emily Long, Sarah Hendrix, Shandan Johnson, Haley Collision, Alexa Olsen ***Second Row*** Katie Kordeck, Ashley Breger, Zahra Morano, Abbey Wagner, Aileen Wagner, Zoe Mintz, Jessica Flores ***Back Row*** Melanie Krueger, Jon Fahey-Smith, Conor Taylor, Amanda Kvasnica, Max Lawson, Anthony Skiba

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mr. Brent Barton, West Lakes teacher, and Mr. Peter Fatorous, guidance counselor
Officers: Elena Piech, 12 (President), Dana Handler, 12 (Vice President), Max Lawson, 12 (Public Relations), Conor Taylor, 12 (Friendship Walk Coordinator), Anthony Skiba, 11 (Historian)

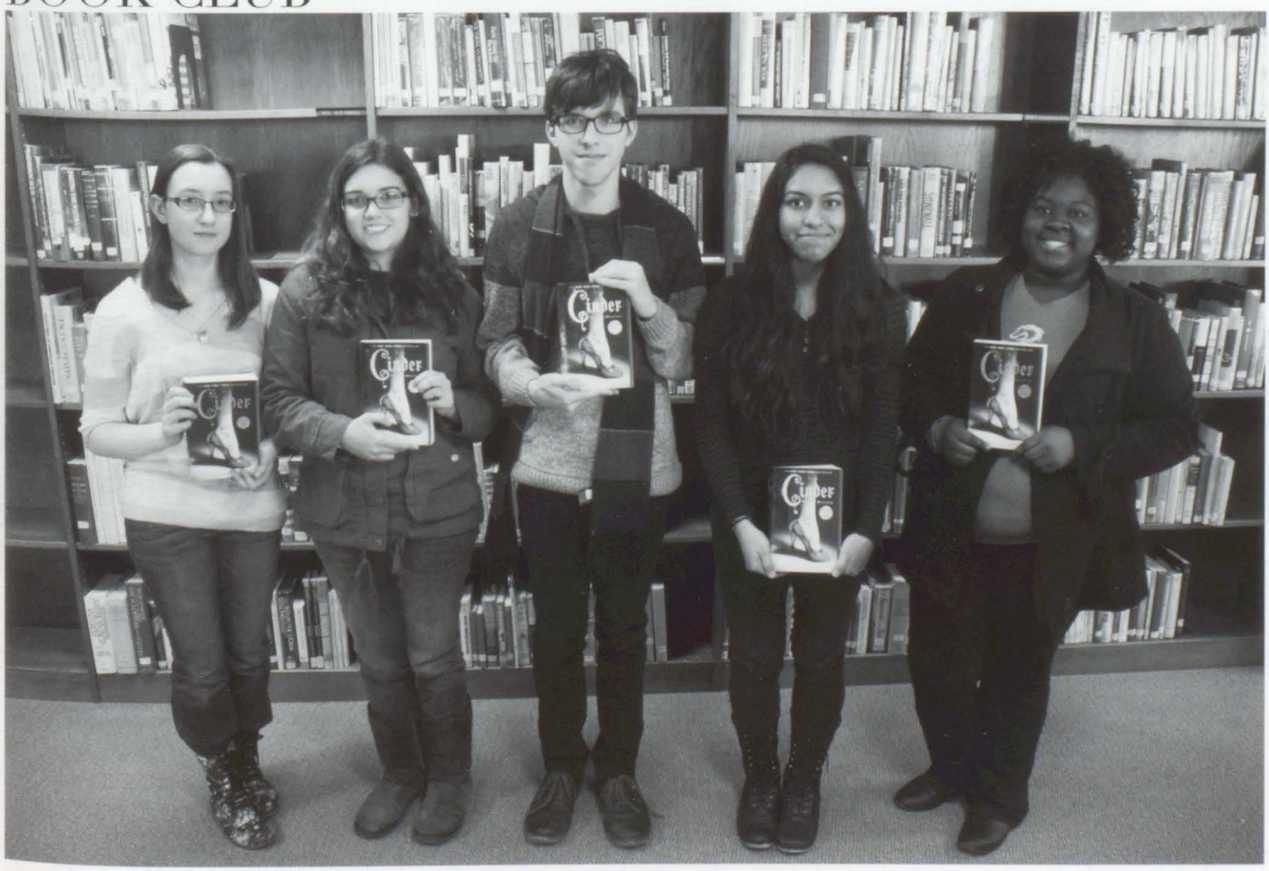
BEST BUDDIES



Front Row Ameerah Omar, Elena Piech, David Parobek, Emily Niaves, Desirae Egebrecht, Maddie Gleason, Jay Ramirez, Angel Lovison, Sean O'Brien ***Back Row*** Mr. Peter Fatouros, Ravani Sansoya, Briana Crowe, Ruth Kurowski, Lily Warren, Hannah Ernst, Gabriella Herrera, Georgia Pappas, Madison Dinga, Zola Carter, Kayley Gruber, Mr. Brent Barton

Officers (continued): Abbey Wagner, 12 (Secretary), Sara Shah, 11 (Associate Member Director) Kayley Gruber, 11 (Buddy Director)

BOOK CLUB



Front Row Kelli Canul, Anna Gambetta, Max Baker, Palakben Patel, Roxie Pugh

Location: Media Center
Sponsor: Mrs. Twila Marsh, Media Specialist

FINDING A PLACE

Bella Blackford, 9
For swimming, being friends with the girls and making friends."

Mackenzie Leick, 9
Going on the field trips even though you have to pay for them."

Hannah Levy, 9
My favorite part about being in track is making new friends and trying new things, like running the 100 and 200 meter dash instead of the 400."

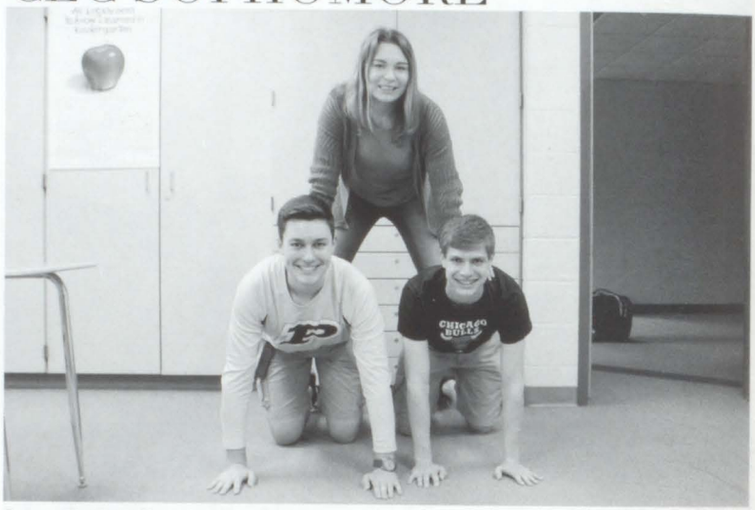
Andrew Rapata, 9
In football, when we play LC, I enjoy hitting them a lot more. I hate LC."

CEC FRESHMAN

Front Row Jasmine Toor, Alexandria Shinkan ***Second Row*** Hansa Vavilala, Anusuya Bandyopadhyay, Lissette Araya, Emma Harvath ***Back Row*** Kate Radde, Ian Brundige, Bella Blackford, Joey Baeza, Andrew Zachary

Location: Mr. Joesph Sokol's room, S130
Sponsor: Mr. Joesph Sokol, math teacher

CEC SOPHOMORE



Bottom Tim DeRolf, Michael Jonelis ***Top*** Anna Whitney

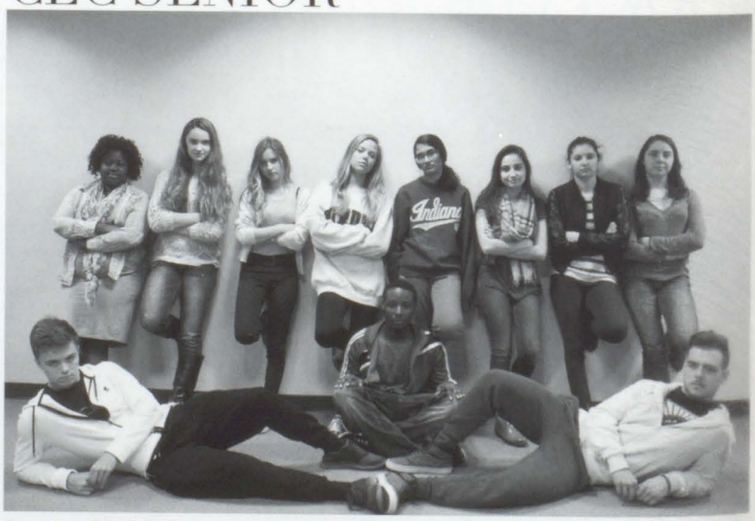
Location: Ms. Leigh Ann Westland's room, N156
Sponsor: Mrs. Jackie Weiser, math teacher

CEC JUNIOR

Front Row Savannah Shaver, Maggie Anderson, Meena Kandallu ***Second Row*** Serena Patel, Anisha Vavilala, Maria Sirounis

Location: Mrs. Beth Thornburg's room, S123
Sponsor: Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, and Ms. Beth Thornburg, math teacher
Officers: Serena Patel, 11 (President) Meena Kandallu, 11 (Vice President), Maria Sirounis, 11 (Secretary), Harsh Jhaveri, 11 (Treasurer)

CEC SENIOR



Front Row Patrick Toth, Lawrence Gaines, Christian Poulos ***Second Row*** Roxie Pugh, Antonia Dalle Carbonare, Gillian Urbaniak, Allison Hemmingway, Ayesha Khan, Kathleen Gonzalez, Laurissa Portillo, Brittany Barajas

Location: Hallway in South
Sponsor: Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher, and Mr. Mike Coil, science teacher

Ayesha Khan, 12
I would say the best part of being a member of a club is just that. You get to be part of a group of people with whom you share an interest or a passion."

Ethan Levy, 9
Being together and competing together."

Lauren Kuipers, 9
I get to meet new people–that's always fun."

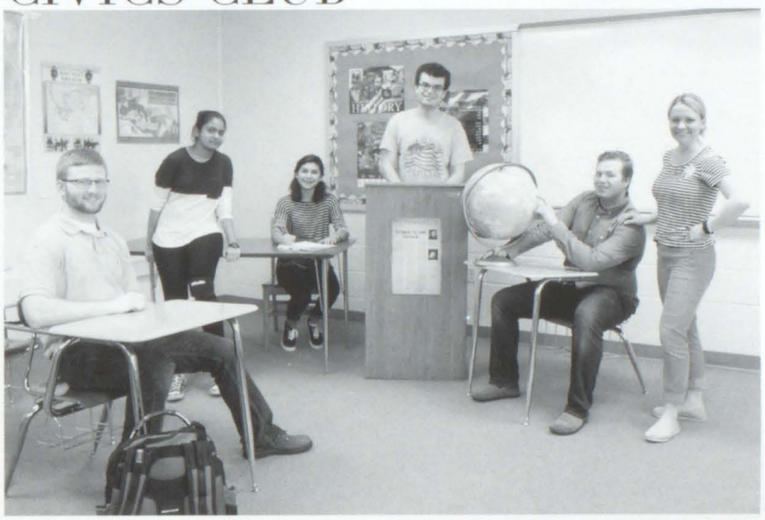
Luke Pillarella, 11
My favorite part about being in a club (Spanish Club) is going on the variety of field trips and eating good food."

CHESS CLUB

Front Row David Vogel, Noah Moell, Dakota Gronkiewicz, Matt Ryan, Perima Shah

Location: Wilbur Wright Cafeteria
Sponsor: Mrs. Sheri Engstrom
Officers: David Vogel, 12 (Captain) Perima Shah, 10 (Co-captain) Matt Ryan, 12 (Vice President/ Co-captain)

CIVICS CLUB



Front Row Brian Banach, Serena Patel, Julia Torres, Walker Hedgepath, Lucas Newell, Miss Angela Wayne

Location: Miss Angela Wayne's room, N186
Sponsor: Miss Angela Wayne, social studies teacher
Officers: Walker Hedgepath, 12 (President), Lucas Newell, 11 (Vice-President), Julia Torres, 11 (Secretary)

COLOR GUARD

Front Row Rita Willcox, Shannon Hocker, Maya Rosales, Arianne Sadural, Megan Spence, Martina Trivunovic
Second Row Angelica Small, Abi Jurado, Emily Whitaker, Jordan Grinstead, Zoe O'Dea
Photo Taken: Outside of school
Sponsor: Bret Winterheimer
Captains: Martina Trivunovic, (12) Kelsey Lynch (12), Megan Spence (12)

FINDING A PLACE

Jenna Sell, 9
My favorite part about being involved in track is all the support from my teammates and coaches."

Ally Szakacs, 11
I love being a member of Student Government because not only do we get to host some of the most exciting events in Munster, but we also get to see the happiness people experience while they're creating awesome high school memories."

Heather Born, 11
Going on field trips and doing projects for Art Club."

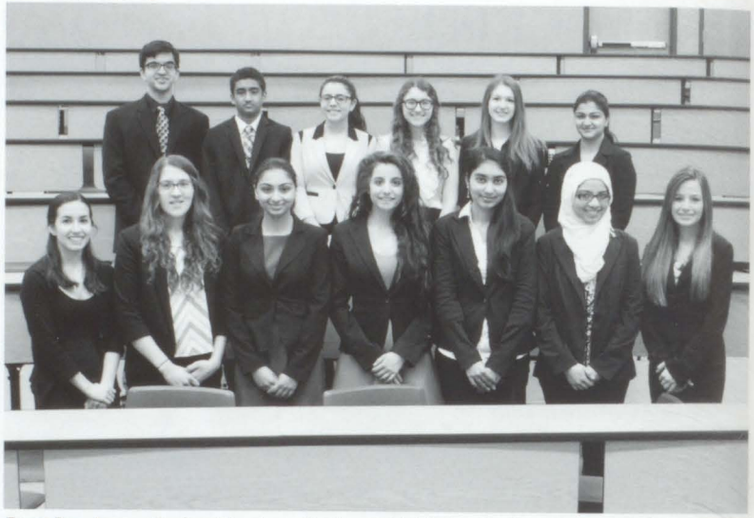
Michael Kotfer, 11
I'm in Ping Pong Club, and I really like beating other people."

DECA

Front Row Alainna Carey, Rebecca Sendejas, Ruhani Sansoya, Shandan Johnson, Allison Dinh, Savannah Shaver, J.R. Bales, Ani Arzumanian ***Second Row*** Therese Capriglione, Hansa Vavilala, Safa Chowdhury, Mallory Grim, Jolie Goldberg, Ravani Sansoya, Vivian Wei, Anusuya, Bandyopadhyay, Micala Boyd ***Back Row*** Casey Terry, Christian Tagamolilc, Richard Greep, Lane Terry, Arthur Carey, Emma Trivunovic, Ian Brundige, Anna Whitney

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mrs. Deborah Straka and Mr. David Kaplan
Officers: Elena Piech, 12 (President), Ellie Dorn, 12 (Executive Vice President), Mega Dafiaghor, 11 (Vice President of Competitive Events), Siddarth Divakaruni, 12 (Vice President of Competitive Events)

DECA



Front Row Lauren Koultourides, Lena Storino, Rohini Kalluri, Jessica Layous, Himali Patel, Bushra Fatima, Thalia Chioros ***Back Row*** Harsh Jhaverj, Khavand Peddi, Tara Layous, Catherina Oesterle, Jordan Cockrum, Revati Kalluri

Officers (continued): Meena Kandallu, 11 (Vice President of Fundraising), Ruhani Sansoya, 11 (Vice President of Fundraising), Lucas Newell, 11 (Vice President of Recruitment), Harsh Jhaveri, 11 (Vice President of Business Outreach), Sean Pruzin, 12 (Vice President of Communications), Gillian Urbaniak, 12 (Vice President of Community Service), Chetan Chauhan, 12 (Recording Secretary)

DECA

Front Row Vincent D'Angelo, Saveda Majety, Gillian Urbaniak, Alexia Calderon, Cecilia Zavala ***Back Row*** Erin Harvath, Maggie Anderson, Elise Dorn, Bridget Caraher, Brigid McGinty

Officers (continued): Madison Switalla, 12 (Corresponding Secretary), Natalia Bilek, 12 (Social Media Representative), Patrick Toth, 12 (Senior Class Representative), Floyd Stoner, 11 (Junior Class Representative), Ajeyo De, 10 (Sophomore Class Representative), Tara Layous, 9 (Freshman Class Co-Representative), Easan Venkat, 9 (Freshman Class Co-Representative)

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Front Row Hannah Witting, Jillian Dixon, Emily Hammermeister ***Second Row*** Jacob Opat, Ronald Barrera, Ian Brunidge, Cat Oesterle, Alisha Gonsiorowski

Location: Greenhouse
Sponsor: Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher
Officers: Cat Oesterle, 12 (President), Rainy Herakovich, 12 (Vice President), Jacob Opat, 12 (Secretary)

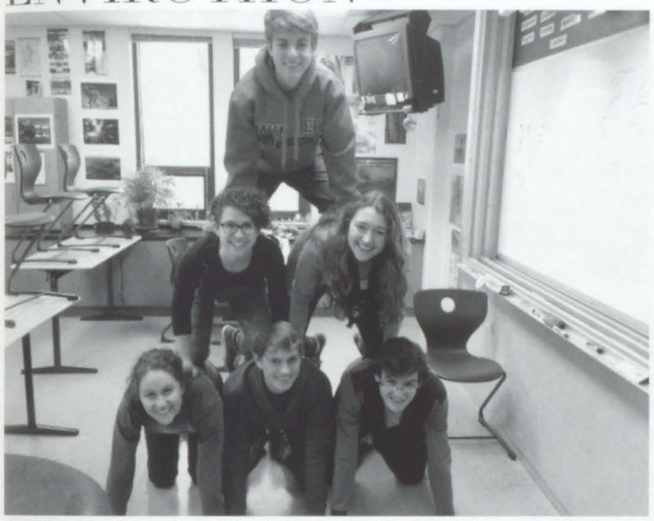
Anaria Riggio, 11
I'm in Spanish Club, and the field trips are pretty cool."

Christa Davis, 10
The best part about being in a club is that you're involved and being in a club shows that you're social and outgoing, which are fantastic characteristics."

Brandiline Hoover, 10
You get to know new people at Munster that you've possibly never met before, and you experience new things."

Gavin Hamilton, 9
My favorite part of being in a club is helping the community with friends."

ENVIROTHON



Front Row Ms. Shonna Siegers, Jacob Opat, Rainy Herakocivh ***Second Row*** Emily Hammermiester, Cat Oesterele ***Third Row*** Sean O'Brien

Location: Ms. Shonna Siegers' room, N160
Sponsor: Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher
Officers: none

FRENCH CLUB

Front Row Allison Dinh, Kyra Marriott, Seung Lee, Hannah Levy, Kimberly Wang, Emily Grunewald, Tannes Shmagranoff, Caitlyn Knor, Anna Gambetta ***Second Row*** Olivia Kindt, Claire LeMonnier, Brianna Dittmer, Maddie Foley, Krysten Leahy, Tiffany Wang, Jeanne Drwiega, Lauren Russell, Lily Warren ***Back Row*** Jacob Paulsen, Rebecca Dodgson, Bridget Caraher, Siddharth Divakaruni, Bradley Goralczyk, Lane Terry, Julianne Roser, Katie Dodgson ***Back Row*** Kayla Williams, Tim DeRolf, Max Baker, Vijai Dharla, Diego Alanis, Jordan Wright

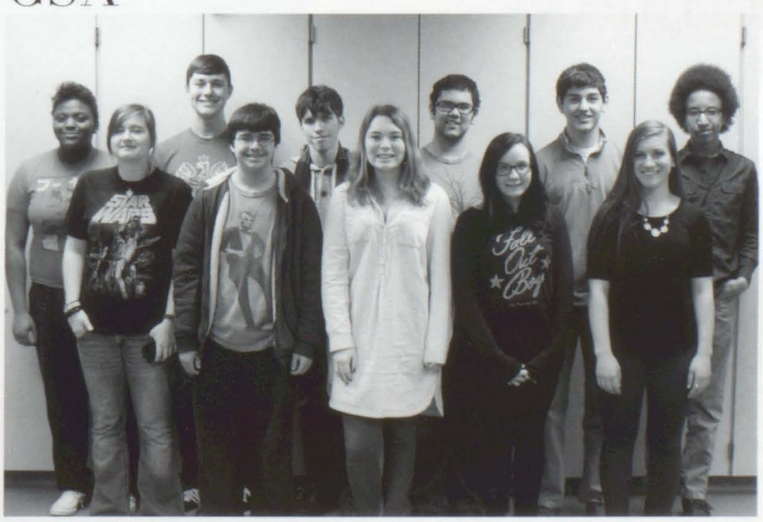
Location: Miss Stephanie Peterson's room, S153
Sponsor: Miss Stephanie Peterson, French teacher
Officers: Sidd Divakaruni, 12 (Co-president), Sydney Kawalec, 12 (Co-president), Allison Dinh, 11 (Secretary) Bridget Caraher, 11 (Treasurer), Julie Chael, 11 (Treasurer)

GERMAN CLUB

Front Row Ian Merkel, Ruth Kurowski, Prabhneet Girn, Brian Araya ***Second Row*** Anna Whitney, Daniel Cappo, Matt Georgas, T.J. Wiess, Nicholas Lundin, Tessa Faubion, Jenna Cappo ***Back Row*** Samuel Wagner, Nick Bleza, Quionte Johnson, Jon Fahey-Smith, Hunter Ward, Melissa McCann, Chloe Wineinger, Mrs. Ada Abregu-Galvez

Location: Mrs. Ada Abregu-Galvez's room, S168
Sponsor: Mrs. Ada Abregu-Galvez, foreign language teacher
Officers: T.J. Wiess, 12 (President), Ruth Kurowski, 10 (Vice President), Tessa Faubion, 12 (Public Relations), Chloe Wineinger, 10 (Secretary)

GSA



Front Row Molly Korman, Brandon Cordero, Anna Whitney, Olivia Hesterman, Hannah Witting ***Back Row*** Kayla Williams, Tim DeRolf, Max Baker, Vijai Dharla, Diego Alanis, Jordan Wright

Location: Ms. Peggy Matanic's room, S156
Sponsor: Ms. Peggy Matanic, English teacher
Officers: Garrett McShea, 12 (President), Vijai Dharla, 12 (Vice President)

FINDING A PLACE

George Babus, 9
"Academic Bowl–I learned the names of new people."

Chloe Moffett, 9
"The fact that I get to be with all my friends and play music."

Ashley Savickis, 9
"It's nice to know we can all depend on each other in order to succeed."

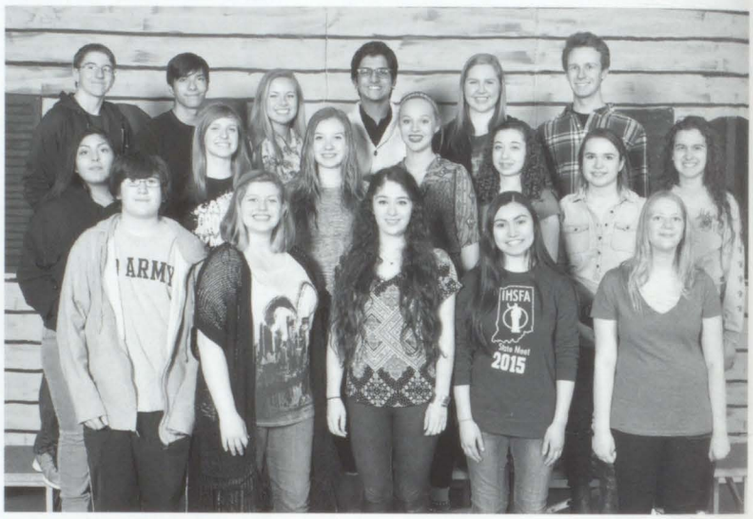
Ria Shah, 9
"Tennis taught me a lot about teamwork and dedication."

MEN'S ENSEMBLE

Front Row Jonathan Armstrong, Jeremy Murphy, Richard Caraher, James Han, Garrett McShea, Yiorgo Karnezis, Caleb Davies ***Back Row*** Drew Adams, Nicholas Enochs, Casey Terry, Jonathan Neeley, Elliott Fus, Alex Samuels

Location: Choir Room, S141
Sponsor: Mr. William Woods, Music Director

MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY



Front Row Caleb Davies, Fayth Schutter, Brianna Dittmer, Mariah Villaromen, Abby Pennanen ***Second Row*** Christina Sanchez, Kim Giannini, Abigail Negri, Zoe O'Dea, Mara DiCarlo, Kaitlyn McHale, Alyssa DeJoan ***Back Row*** Steve McDunn, Alex Ramirez, Allison Hemingway, Rohan Chatterjee, Rachel Jamrose, Collin Sroge

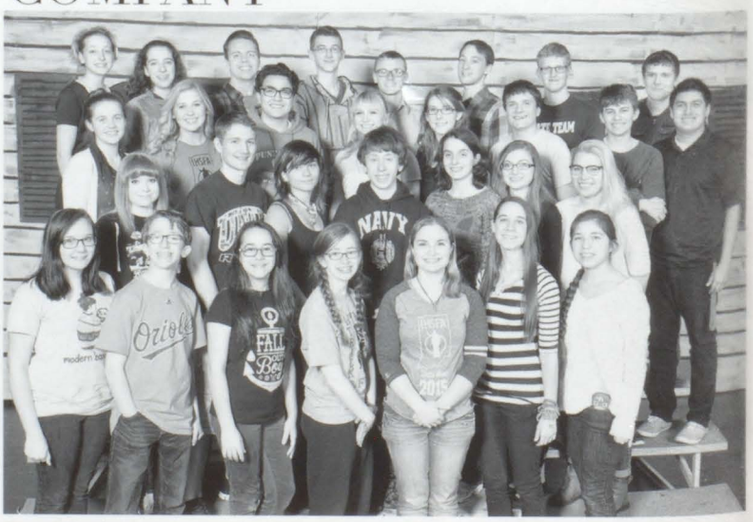
Location: The Auditorium
Sponsor: Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Director
Officers: Rohan Chatterjee, 12 (President), Billy McDunn, 12 (First Vice President), Allison Hemingway, 12 (Second Vice President)

MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY

Front Row Lissette Araya, Chloe Jancosek, Ani Arzumanian, Camille Jancosek, Vanessa Pascual, Alainna Carey ***Second Row*** Lauren Florek, Peyton Tinder, Olivia Dzurorczik, Micala Boyd, Catherine Arndt ***Third Row*** Laurel Demkovich, Hannah Witting, Hayley Kwasniewski, Richard Caraher, Sierra Helton, James Han ***Back Row*** Thomas Speranza, David Green, Elliot Fus, Billy McDunn, Diego Alanis, Lane Terry, Casey Terry.

Location: The Auditorium
Sponsor: Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Director

MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY



Front Row Olivia Hesterman, Ethan Levy, Veronica Casillas, Hannah Levy, TT Shinkan, Claire LeMonnier, Alexia Calderon ***Second Row*** Megan Eickleberry, Garret Glover, Olivia Trufett, Jacob Levy, Jenna Cappo, Amy McDunn, Megan Mirowski ***Third Row*** Alex Raycroft, Anna Bilse, Jeremiah Eaton, Alliy Shinkan, Paige Mecyssine, Daniel Cappo, Hunter ward, Ethan Courtney ***Back Row*** Sarah Seaman, Silvia Lombardo, Jonathan Neeley, Jacob Bobeck, Clayton St. Martin, George Jurincie, Drew Adams, Andrew Vacari

Location: The Auditorium
Sponsor: Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Director

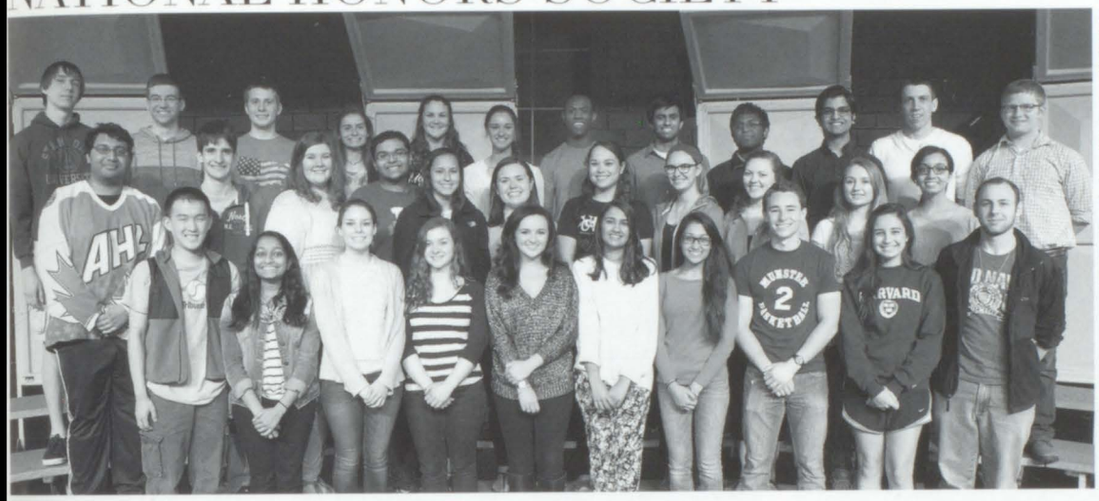
Olivia Foley, 9
"Being a part of a team is my favorite part of being in clubs, like in Best Buddies it's nice to know I can make a different."

Kendall Ziel, 9
"Being on my soccer team has let me make a lot of new friends."

Megan Larson, 10
"Being able to help my community and supporting your school with your peers."

Nicholas Curski, 9
"Best Buddies is good because we have events every single month. We did the movie night in January."

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY



Front Row Andy Chen, Zahra Bhoy, Erin Harvath, Sydney Kawalec, Marymargaret Maloney, Ayesha Khan, Prabhneet Glrn, Dan Green, Kathleen Gonzales, Charles DeCesaris ***Second Row*** Saptarshi Chakraborty, Kevin Fuhs, Amanda Kvasnica, Siddharth Divakaruni, Jessica Flores, Maureen Doherty, Jordan Cole, Hannah Dempsey, Laurel Demkovich, Stephanie Bulow, Rama Alsakaj ***Back Row*** Alex Magreui, Billy McDunn, Andrew Dorn, Nikki Heiniger, Victoria Foster, Antonia DalleCarbonare, Austin Eiland, Chetan Chauhan, Bala Chockalingam, Rohan Chatterjee, Matt Childs, Brian Banach

Location: The Auditorium
Sponsor: Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher
Officers: Tola Ibikunle, 12 (President), Allie Hemingway, 12 (Vice President), Cayla Bales, 12 (Secretary), Roxie Pugh, 12 (Treasurer)

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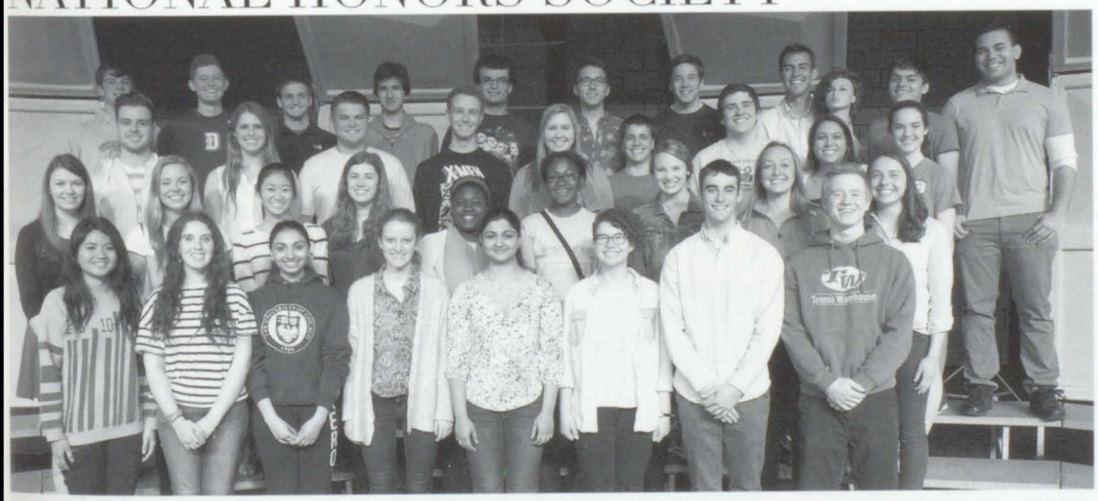

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NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Front Row Erin Harvath, Catherine Oesterle, Kimberly Wang, Kelsey Lynch, Lena Storino, Jordan Cockrum, Clayton St Martin ***Second Row*** Kyle Lee, Depali Patel, Lara Natonski, Meredith Simmons, Kelly Mundy, Ben Marcus ***Back Row*** Megan Wilkens, Katie Gloff, Emily Whitaker, Johnathan Lemke, Garrett Zuck, Emmanuel Lopez, Ellie Dorn

FINDING A PLACE

"

Zahra Moreno, 12
I liked the Best Buddies activities and the holiday party. It was fun."

Josiah Johnson, 9
I like the Best Buddies events because they're fun. It gives us something to to do after school."

Justin Rios, 12
I like Haley (Collison, junior), my peer buddy. Haley takes me to her house and we hang out."

Jay Ramirez, 11
I like the (club) events. They're fun."

ORCHESTRA

Front Row Aarju Patel, Lauryn Nunez, Alexandra Campbell, Lissette Araya, Isabella Malagon ***Second Row*** Mackinzie Farnell, Cecilia Zavala, Aleksandra Manojlovic, Revati Kalluri, Paige Kessler, Ruhani Sansoya ***Back Row*** Jack Jones, Patrick Wu, Emilee Cobb, Kali Konstantinopoulos, Amy McDunn, Charles DeCesaris, Guhao Chen

Location: Music hallway
Sponsor: Ms. Bridget Parker, Orchestra Director
Officers: Rohini Kalluri, 12 (President), Revati Kalluri, 12 (Vice President), Garrett Zuck, 12 (Treasurer), Kayla Williams, 10 (Public Relations), David Green, 10 (Sophomore Representative), Hansa Vavilala, 9 (Freshman Representative)

ORCHESTRA

Front Row Sara Mavity, Vishva Maniar, Noah Schlossberger, Max Servi ***Second Row*** Haleig Gronwold, Anisha Vavilala, Rebecca Dodgson, Hansa Vavilala ***Back Row*** Amy Kaniewski, Kayl Williams, Zachary Geron, Katie Dodgson

ORCHESTRA

Front Row Melina Banaszak, Rohini Kalluri, Ravani Sansoya, Ben Rasamimari, Ethan Witt ***Second Row*** Vijai Dharla, Saveda Majety, Emma Hand, Molly Korman, Kyle Lee ***Back Row*** Andrew Rapata, Daniel Soeka, Chloe Miller, Tony Zmuda, Andrew Dorn

ORCHESTRA

Front Row Isabella Malagon, Jhoanna Sadural, Kelli Canul, Hannah Levy, Mia Bissias, Ethan Levi Kimberly Wang, Tessa Faubion, Leo Ortiz ***Back Row*** Jeremy Murphy, Elliott Fus, David Green Kayetan Wozniak, Joshua Morris, Adam Richter

Kayley Gruber, 11
I like it (Best Buddies) because I have so much fun with my buddy."

Nick Redman, 12
I like all the people (in Best Buddies) who are nice."

Mark Montella, 11
My favorite part of being in a club is meeting different people and partaking in all the fun activities."

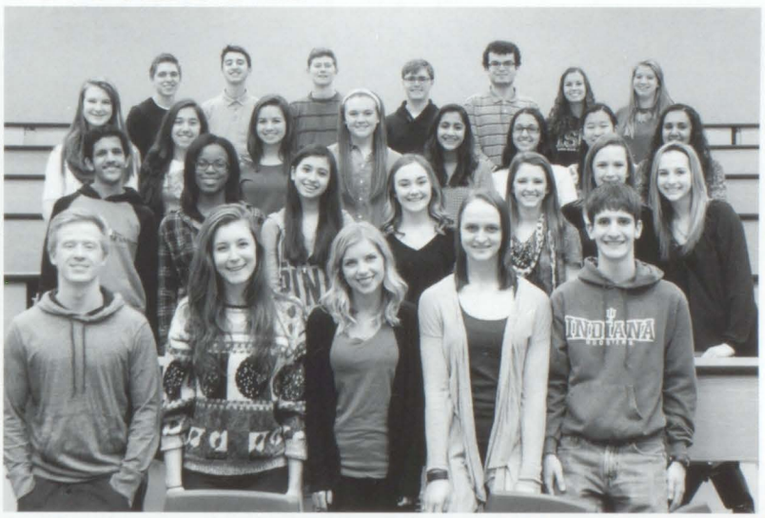
Lauren Russel, 11
I'm in SADD, and Mr. Barnes is in charge, so that's always fun. We eat a lot of pizza, laugh and joke around."

POETRY CLUB

Front Row Shandan Johnson, Christina Sanchez, Elena Piech, Asia Marshall, Pharez Israel, Cierra Uribe, Sarah Hendrix, Allison Levin ***Second Row*** Kendra Williams, Ian Brundige, Cameron Singleton, Alisha Gonsiorowski, Rosalinda DeLuna, Veronica Bilek, Alex Samuels, Matthew Levin

Location: Mrs. Kelly Barnes Room, N127
Sponsor: Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher
Officers: Pharez Israel, 12 (President), Alisha Gonsiorowski, 12 (Vice President), Shannon Johnson, 10 (Secretary), Allison Levin, 12 (Secretary), Cameron Singleton, 10 (Treasurer)

PROJECT X



Front Row Alex Wisniewski, Kylee McVicker, Ally Szakacs, Lexi Chipules, Kevin Fuhs ***Second Row*** Nirav Patwari, Chimezle Okolocha, Sarah Gandarilla, Camryn Fary, Emma Harvath, Victoria Williams, Sofia Balac ***Third Row*** Claire Bailey, Georgia Pappas, Abigail Nita, Sara Marity, Jasmine Toor, Anusuya Bandyopadhyay, Vivian Wai, Ravani Sansoya ***Back Row*** Jake Carlson, Peter Pappas, Grant Rademacher, David Green, Walker Hedgepath, Zoe Mintz, Lauren Adams

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher
Officers: Alex Wisniewski, 12 (President), Kevin Fuhs, 12 (Vice President), Arielle Crowe, 11 (Secretary), Kylee McVicker, 11 (Public Relations), Ally Szakacs, 11 (Public Relations)
Historian: Lexi Chipules

PROJECT X

Front Row Perima Shah, Shandan Johnson, Alexia Calderon, Saveda Majety, Jill Ackermann, Mariah Vargas, Mackenzie Peirick, Allison Dinh ***Second Row*** Rachel Kalbfell, Megan Date, Taylor Winieki, Kelsie Kasper, Jessica Pazik, Himali Patel, Bushra Fatima, Jeanne Drwiega ***Third Row*** Andy Gao, Caitlin Fitch, Palak Patel, Amy McDunn, Ruhani Sansaya, Michale DeLong, Shivani Dignamber, Olivia Foley ***Back Row*** Bala Chadialingam, Harsh Jhaveri, Arthur Carey, Lily Stooksbury, Hannah Bailey, Tim DeRolf, Caitlyn Knor, Eleni Georgalas

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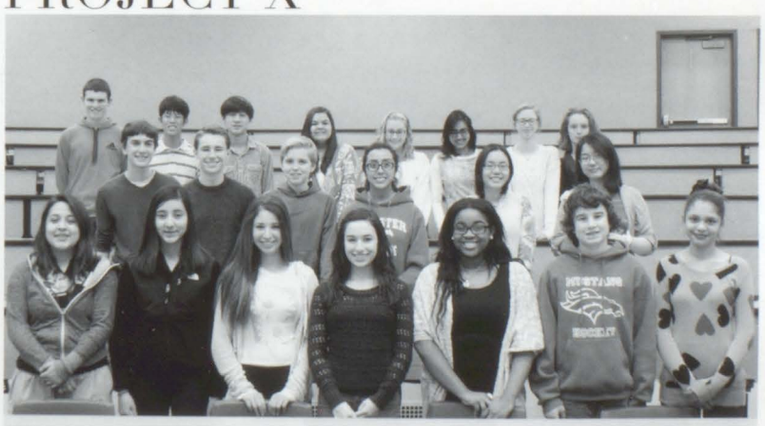

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FINDING A PLACE

Nikki Heiniger, 12
Making friends with people you normally wouldn't encounter at school."

Marymargaret Maloney, 12
Being able to participate in all of the events of a club and also being a part of a team and learning how to work together."

Clay Arnold, 11
Competing with everyone because I just love to do it. It's something you can't get unless you're with another opponent."

Briana Crowe, 12
In Best Buddies, one of my favorite things is watching all of the buddies interact. Their interactions is one of the sweetest things and one of the most innocent things you'll see. It's really refreshing."

PUBLICATIONS: CRIER

Front Row Mariah Villaroman, William Hatzel, Max Baker, Meena Kandallu ***Second Row*** Erin Gallagher, Danielle Oberman, Elena Piech, Rachel Bishop, Vrusha Patel ***Back Row*** Jordan Szymanski, Chloe Wineinger, Natalia Bilek, Veronica Bilek, Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman

Location: Publications room, N155
Sponsor: Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director
Positions: Vrusha Patel, 12 (Co Editor-in-Chief), William Hatczel, 12 (Co Editor-in-Chief), Meena Kandallu, 11 (Copy Editor), Natalia Bilek, 12 (Head Photographer)

PUBLICATIONS: PARAGON

Front Row Zahra Bhoy, Elena Piech, Lauren Koultourides ***Second Row*** Kyra Marriott, Therese Capriglione, Lexie Lyons, Kasey Luehrs, Laurel Demkovich, Gillian Urbaniak ***Back Row*** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Ray Ojel, Serena Patel, Melanie Kruger, Julia Swibes, Natalia Bilek

Location: Publications room, N155
Sponsor: Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director
Positions: Laurel Demkovich, 12 (Editor-in-Chief), Zahra Bhoy, 12 (Managing Editor), Gillian Urbaniak, 12 (Design Editor), Serena Patel, 11 (Assistant Design Editor), Natalia Bilek, 12 (Head Photographer), Lauren Koultourides, 12 (Chief Photographer)

Sean Pruzin, 12
That one time I rode the shuttle bus with Zahra Bhoy (12) as she asked this question."

Mega Dafiaghor, 11
It was when I got third at DECA State last year because I lose everything."

Saptarshi Chakraborty, 12
Sophomore year. It was in debate and my partner was Sripad. Even though we didn't place in the top two for Nationals. We got to got to Nationals because two people dropped. That was my first national tournament. What's even better about that is that we placed too–16th in the nation."

Lucas Newell, 11
My favorite club memory would be getting to Nationals in We the People, not only with the help of civil discourse, but Lamers Bus Company."

ROBOTICS

Front Row Caitlin Fitch, Diana Ortiz, Alyssa Comer, Michelle Weller, Nadia Cruz, Laura Weller, Tiffany Wang, Vrusti Patel, Peyton Puckett, Jenna Cappo ***Second Row*** Leo Ortiz, Ian Merkel, Guchao Chen, Malcolm Jasper, Matt Aquino, Nick Eliopoulos, Daniel Cappo, Dominick Servi ***Back Row*** Jordan Wright, Christian Tagamolia, Liam Gallagher, Joshua Peters, Andy Riddle, Sam Wagner, Gavin Tienstra, Julian Ramirez, Zach Keslin, Andrew Vicari

Location: Practice field above the foreign language hallway
Sponsor: Ms. Catherine Mazeikas, science teacher and Mr. Peter Frystak
Officers: Peyton Puckett, 12 (President), Daniel Cappo, 11 (Vice-President), Jenna Cappo, 10 (Secretary), Michelle Weller, 11 (Head of Engineering), Caitlin Fitch, 11 (Safety Officer), Nicholas Eliopoulos, 10 (Head of Programming), Zach Keslin, 12 (Head of Publicity and Fundraising)

SADD

Front Row Caitlyn Knor, Jessica Pazik, Zoe Mintz, Shandon Johnson ***Back Row*** Lauren Russell, Casey Terry, Rachel Jamrose, Lauren Adams

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mr. Tom Barnes, English teacher
Officers: Rachel Jamrose, 12, Caitlyn Knor, 11, Jessica Pazik, 11, Lauren Russell, 11, Casey Terry, 12 (Directors of Leadership)

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Front Row Hayley Kwasniewski, Rachel Kalbfell, Emma Hand, Kate Radde, Mackinzie Farnell, Safa Chowdhury, Nirav Patwari, Lauren Martin, Erin Harvath ***Back Row*** Harsh Jhaveri, Matt Kvasnica, Cayla Bales, Aditya Mishra, Adam Richter, Kevin Fuhs, Patrick Wu, Garrett Zuck

Location: Mr. Patrick O'Neill's Room, N167
Sponsor: Mr. Patrick O'Neill, science teacher and Mr. Keith Kozut, science teacher
Officers: Andy Chen, 12 (Captain), Hayley Kwasniewski, 12 (Captain), Taylor Merkel, 12 (Captain), Kimberly Wang, 12 (Captain)

FINDING A PLACE

Alec Thompson, 12
My favorite memory was competing on Capitol Hill for We the People and making Tim Moore (Director for Constitutional Center) smile with one of my answers.

Anna Riggs, 11
My best memory here at Munster High School was when I attended the Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament. I had never competed at a National level, and I did not know what to expect. However, I ended up being a semi-finalist (top 12) in the nation.

Ari Crowe, 11
The moment We the People got Top 10.

Aditya Mishra, 11
Science Olympiad Nationals getting fourth place in hydrogeo because top three got medals. It was also awesome because it was fourth place.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Front Row Perima Shah ***Second Row*** Andy Chen, Jill Ylo, Brian Araya, Emma Harvath, Pepper Muangmingsuk, Kimberly Wang, Tessa Bales ***Back Row*** J.P. Cieslak, Bala Chockalingam, Kyle Lee, Avi Patel, Mr. Keith Koszut, Daniel Soeka, Alex Kirr, Anthony Zmuda, Julia Chael

SPANISH CLUB

First Row Ravani Sansoya, Alex Campbell, Lauryn Nunez, Megan O'Brien, Kelli Canul ***Second Row*** Cecilia Zavala, Ruhani Sansoya, Mackenzie Leick, Victoria Reardon, Elise Garcia, Karina Monjaras, Brian Araya ***Third Row*** Hannah Ernst, Georgia Pappas, Aileen Wagner, Abigail Wagner, Anusuya Bandyopadhyay, Ameerah Omar, Mrs. Rosie Lopez-Malagon ***Back Row*** Serena Patel, Olivia Foley, Nicholas Ochoa, Taylor Moreno, Lysette Garcia, Sara Mavity, Ally Ashenbaugh, Lexi Starkey

Location: Cafeteria
Sponsor: Mrs. Rosie Lopez-Malagon, Foreign Language teacher
Officers: Serena Patel, 11 (President), Savannah Shaver, 11 (Vice President), Amanda Osterhus, 11 (Secretary), Dara Medina, 11, Jimmy Murphy, 12, Carlos Douglas, 11 (Public Relations)

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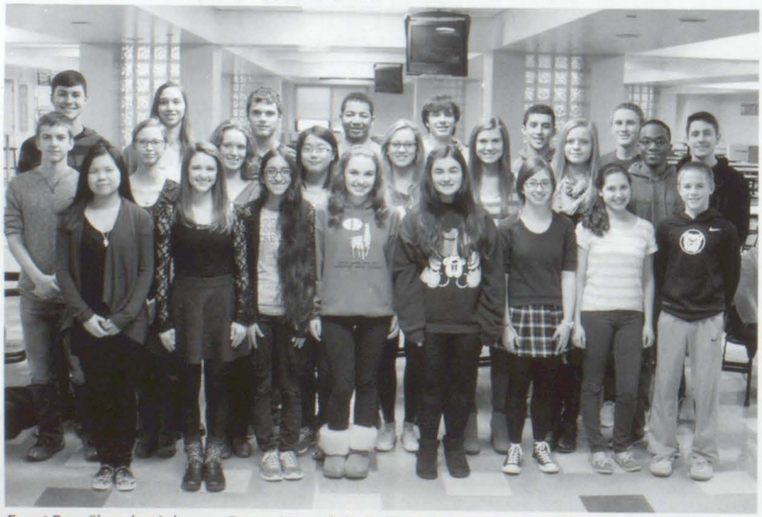

Front Row Shandan Johnson, Emma Harvath, Isabella Malagon, Savannah Shaver, Samantha Alexiou, Hannah Levy, Lissette Araya, Colin O'Brien ***Second Row*** Jonathan Harris, Lauren Martin, Mackinzie Farnell, Tiffany Wang, Mallory Grim, Melanie Mooney, Agatha Grabowski, Carlos Douglas ***Back Row*** Tim DeRolf, Allison Hajduch, Jack Jones, Arthur Carey, Jimmy Murphy, Julian Lagunas, Dakota Gronkiewicz, Aron Panas

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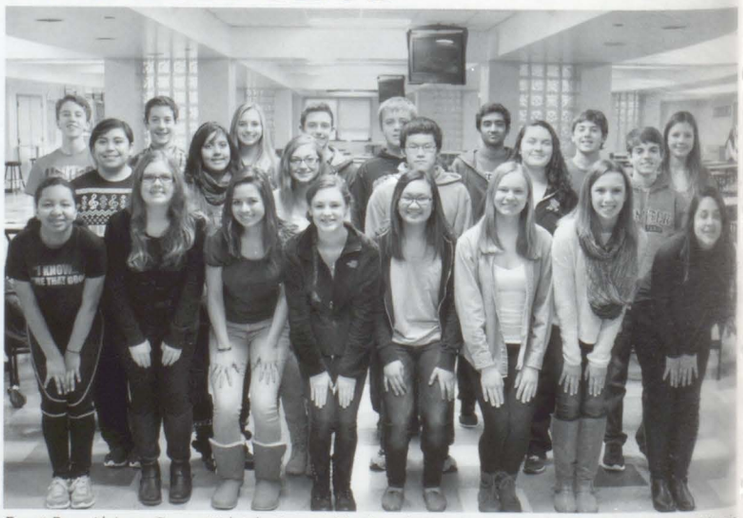

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Anna Whitney, 10
My favorite memory is the unity in every club, knowing that there are the same people interested in the same things as you.

Rohini Kalluri, 12
I guess in Orchestra going to contest and going on the bus to contest and goofing off. Also, my friends are in Orchestra, so it's fun.

Deepali Patil, 12
The first time we made it to State Finals because we were the first class to make it in history and ever since then, we've made it every year.

Vishva Maniar, 11
Probably DECA State because we were still getting stuff done but we still had fun and did our own thing.

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Front Row Elena Piech, Connor Meyer, Chelsea Okolocha, Tara Layous, Emma Harvath, Lissette Araya, Jillian Dixon, Alex Bleza ***Second Row*** Mariah Villaroman, Meena Kandallu, Maggie Anderson, Isabel Nieves, Alex Raycroft, Hannah Witting, Allison Hemingway, Revati Kalluri, Abigail Nita ***Third Row*** Lauren Stofko, Victoria Williams, Kate Radde, Rama Alsakaji, Vivian Reba, Bridget Caraher, Gabie Ingoglia, Sofia Balac ***Back Row*** Anthony Niemiec, Obie Oniah, Casey Terry, Jack Jones, Ethan Courtney, Vijai Dharla, Ian Frantal, Lane Terry, Madison Switalla, Michael Yoniles

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mr. Jordan Mayer, English teacher
Officers: Rohan Chatterjee, 12 (President), Elena Piech, 12 (Vice President of Debate), Allison Hemingway, 12 (Vice President of Speech), Walker Hedgepath, 12 (Secretary/Treasurer of Debate), Nia Clark, 12 (Secretary/Treasurer of Speech)

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Front Row Megan Wolski, Emily Mudroncik, Lana Urban, Perima Shah, TT Shinkan, Camille Jancosek, Carolyn Jones, Jhoanna Sadural ***Back Row*** Anna Bilse, Thomas Speranza, Rachel Jamrose, Drew Adams, Trey DeLuna, Billy McDunn, Walker Hedgepath, Tim DeRolf

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Front Row Taylor Moreno, Saveda Majety, Hannah Ernst, Alainna Carey, Ally Shinkan, Micala Boyd, Charles DeCesaris, Lydia Zheng ***Back Row*** Rohan Chatterjee, Cecilia Zavala, Claire LeMonnier, Kendra Williams, Emilee Cobb, Mackinzie Farnell, Anna Whitney, Kali Konstantinopoulos, Alyssa DeJoan, Stevie McDunn, Peyton Tinder

FINDING A PLACE

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Louis Dallecarbonare, 9
My favorite part of being a member of a club is making new friends."

Sidd Divakaruni, 12
My favorite memory about being in a club would probably have to be the late nights that we spend working on things, struggle busing it."

Chetan Chauhan, 12
Working with other people that you don't usually work with."

Lydia Zheng, 11
I just like making new friends and meeting new friends and growing as a person."

STAND

Front Row Kalie Miles, Madolyn Foley, Roxie Pugh, Savannah Shaver, Shandan Johnson, Rebecca Sendejas ***Back Row*** Maggie VanKleek, Mega Dafiaghor, Lucas Newell, Jordan Wright, Julia Torres, Michael Hrinda

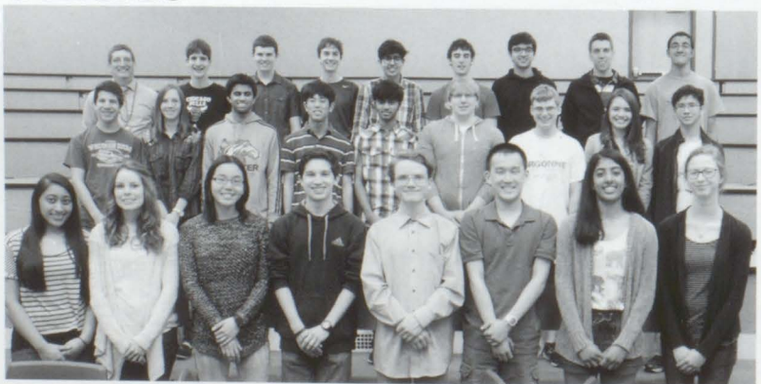
Location: Guidance Office
Sponsor: Ms. Sharon Vail, guidance counselor
Officers: Alex Sullivan, 12 (President), Savannah Shaver, 11, Rebecca Sendejas, 11 (Directors of Cultural Affairs), Mega Dafiaghor, 11, Julia Torres, 11 (Directors of School Affairs)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Front Row Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, Saveda Majety, Jill Ylo, Ally Szakacs, Perima Shah, Elena Piech, Prabhneet Grin, Lauren Koultourides, Ms. Angela Wayne ***Second Row*** Sofia Balac, Mallory Grim, Melanie Mooney, Megan Wolski, Kalie Miles, Anna Riggs, Tara Layous, Haley Kwasniewski, Gabie Ingoglia ***Third Row*** Dan Green, Adam Kulam, Siddharth Divakaruni, Maeve Riley, Nikki Heiniger, Matt Georgas, Merrick Lieser, Rachel Kalbfell ***Back Row*** Dillon Pierie, Milan Obradovic, Jake Ingoglia, Lucas Newell, Nick Gauthier, Mega Dafiaghor, Lauren Adams

Location: Cafeteria
Sponsor: Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, FACS teacher
Officers: Dan Green, 12 (President), Adam Kulam, 12 (Vice President), Lauren Koultourides, 12 (Secretary)

TEAMS



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Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher

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Front Row Safa Chowdhury, Mackinzie Farnell, Evan Dong, Olivia Kindt, J.R. Bales, Dan Green, Michael Hrinda ***Back Row*** Ajeyo De, Daniel Soeka, Garrett Zuck, Easan Venkat, Cayla Bales, Patrick Wu, Sripad Kodukula, Taylor Merkel

Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher

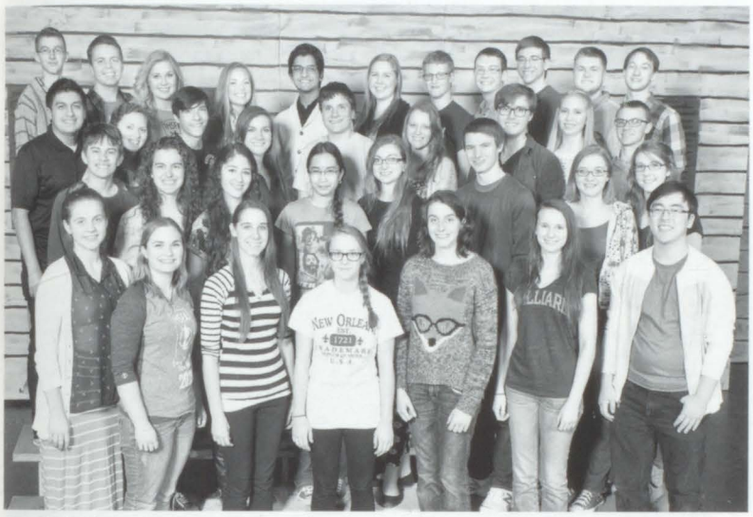
Erin Gallagher, 12
It's a rewarding experience getting to be involved in my school."

Alex Sotiropoulos, 12
Being part of a club is cool because I am able to meet new people who share similar interests with me."

Rama Alsakaji, 12
It's like a free new group of friends, without the whole search and awkwardness at first because you're there with a bunch of other people with the same interests and goals as you that automatically brings you together."

Catherine, Arndt, 12
Being with people that are basically my family. Being in the Munster Theatre Comapny has been one of the greatest experiences because of it."

THESPIANS



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Location: Auditorium
Sponsor: Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium director
Officers: Rohan Chatterjee, 12 (President), Billy McDunn, 12 (Vice President), Allison Hemingway, 12 (Vice President)

WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

Front Row Claire LeMonnier, Peyton Tinder, Kathleen Gonzales, Jillian Dixon, Chloe Jancosek, Camille Jancosek, Lauren Florek ***Back Row*** Abigail Kapitan, Sarah Seaman, Taylor Merkel, Allison Hemingway, Paige Mecyssine, Olivia Dzurovcik, Maureen Doherty, Rachel Jamrose

Location: Choir Room
Sponsor: Mr. William Woods, vocal director

WE THE PEOPLE

Front Row Lexie Lyons, Therese Capriglione, Anna Riggs, Journey Westfield, Sara Wilson ***Second Row*** Scott Farley, Lucas Newell, Sai Kodukula, Emily Wierman, Claire Svoboda, Jenson Huang, Austin Klawitter ***Back Row*** Alec Thompson, Walker Hedgepath, Trey DeLuna, Arielle Crowe, George Jurincie, Rosalio Ornelas, Vijai Dharla

Location: Media Center
Sponsor: Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher
Officers: Arielle Crowe, 11 (Unit Leader), Jai Dharla, 12 (Unit Leader), Scott Farley, 12 (Unit Leader), Walker Hedgepath, 12 (Team Captain), Sai Sripad Kodukula, 12 (Unit Leader), Rosalio Ornelas, 12 (Team Historian), Claire Svoboda, 11 (Unit Leader), Chloe Zatorski, 11 (Unit Leader)

SENIOR SALUTE

Marc Levitan

Congratulations Marc, we are so proud of you! We will miss you and your smiling face so much!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Lorin & Dana

Anna Bachert

Anna,
We are so proud of you! You never gave up on your dream. We have proved that hard work pays off. God has a great plan for your life. You can do all things through Christ, who gives you strength.
Philippians 4:13
Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor, Kayla, Arie & Jeremy

Timothy Wiess

"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." – A.A. Milne
We love you T.J.,
Mom, Dad & Jessica

Dana Handler

Dana,
We have no doubt you will make a difference in this world. Indiana University is just the next step in your journey. "Dream great dreams and make them come true." We are so proud of you and love you very much Dana Do.
Love, Mom, Dad & Aaron

Nick Redman

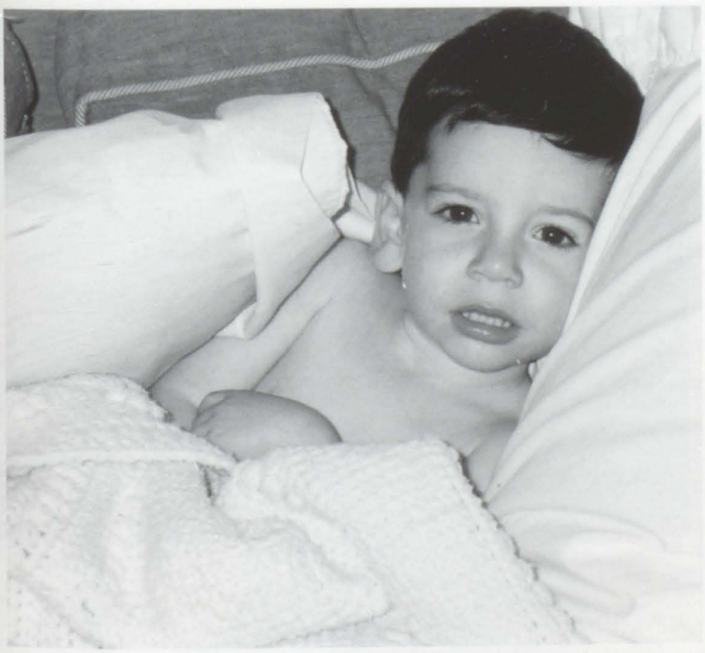
NICK REDMAN.....We are so proud of how far you've come in life...you have taught us humility, patience, love, and laughter.... To my first born, I love you always... Good Luck at TAP, you will do great!!!!!! Your father would be so proud of you... Love, Mom & Tony

Cassidy Cusick

To my little baby girl.

I thank God everyday you were born. I can't imagine not having you in my life. I am so proud to be your dad. You have brought a lot of sunshine, laughs and joy into my world. Thank you for being you. I love you Cass.
Love, Dad

Ben Marcus



Ben,
We are very proud of you and always will be proud of you! Congratulations!
We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Matt, Joey & Rufus

Casey Boelt

She believed she could, so she did!
We are so proud of you, Casey. Congratulations on Arizona State and we can't wait to see the great things the future holds for you!
Love you forever and always...
Mom, Dad, Clint & Carrie

Megan Hernandez

Congrats to a girl who never ceases to amaze all of us! Megan, you are such a thoughtful, caring and beautiful person who has the best sense of humor. We are all so proud of you and love you to the moon and back! Best wishes at Alverno!
Love,
Mom, James, Dad, Jen, Papa, Nana, Papa Ito, Pika, Auntie, Uncle, Arron and Rylan

Jordan Cole

You have become a truly amazing individual. We celebrate and are very proud of your academic, athletic and personal accomplishments. Good luck on a very bright future at UIndy!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tyler,
Baba & Romeo

Patrick Toth

Congratulations Patrick!
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. But above that is the young man you have become – kind, hard-working, dedicated, loyal, adventurous and hilarious! May you continue to grow and prosper everyday in your life. Bud – you are the best.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kaelyn & Cali

Casey Boelt

Casey Lynn Boelt–
From the moment you were put in my arms you became my ANGEL. We have had our special talks together! You are beautiful, smart, great personality and my sweetheart!
God Bless You and Good Luck at Arizona State!
Forever my ANGEL,
Grandma Linda & Grandpa Jack
Kiss! Kiss!

Stevan Trivunovic

Papasito Mio!
Our Beautiful Baby Boy, you have made us so Proud. We can't wait to see what the next phase in your life brings! Purdue awaits you, so make it the best you can! Your future is so bright and wonderful things are awaiting you!
Love you to the Moon and Back!
Tata & Mommy

Erin Harvath

"Take pride in how far you have come.
Have faith in how far you can go."
We are so proud of you! What you have accomplished in the last four years is truly amazing. Your future holds endless possibilities. Dream big. Believe in yourself. Make good choices. Learn from your mistakes. Dance in the rain. Reach for the stars.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Emma & Eric

David Vogel

You are the sunshine of our lives! We love you so much. Spending time with you has been the greatest joy in the world. We are so very proud of your dedication at school. Have fun at Butler.
Love always,
Mom & Dad

James Beckman

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
-Theodore Roosevelt

We are so proud of you Wilson. Continue to believe. All the best as you continue your education at IU.
Love,
Mom, Dad, John & Thomas

Zach Keslin

Graduation is an exciting time. It's both an ending and a beginning. It's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.
Congrats Zach!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Tyler

Allison Levin

We are extremely proud of all your accomplishments. You are bright, sweet and a kind hearted person. We have loved watching you grow up and wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your life. We are excited to see how it unfolds. Arizona State is lucky to have you.
Congratulations on a job well done!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Carly & Matthew

Laurel Demkovich

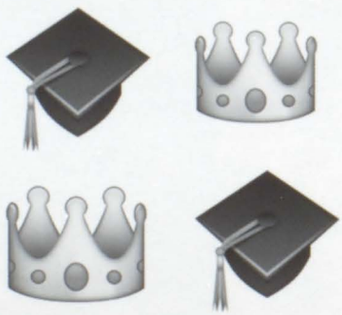
Congratulations on your graduation. You are on your way to an incredible future. We are so proud of you! We love you, Mom, Dad & Logan

Natalia Bilek

Naleza ci sie gratulacje ze tak dzielnie przebrnelas przez te 4 lata ciezkiej nauki. Zyczymy ci zeby w dalszym ciagu nie opuszczalo cie szczescie, a twój wysilek i twoja wytrwalosc w poglebianiu wiedzy i umiejetnosci przynosily ci kolejne sukcesy w zyciu. Pamietaj: kazdego dnia mozesz zrobic cos aby zblizyc sie do swoich marzen. Jedno wlasnie ci sie spelnilo. Jestesmy z ciebie bardzo ale to bardzo dumni.

Mama, Weronika, i Dziadkowie

Lauren Koultourides



Lauren, you have come to be such a responsible, charming and lovable young lady. We have confidence that you will go on to do life-changing, motivational, ground- breaking, innovative and amazing things. You are our favorite child by far.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Jake Bobeck

Congratulations Jake —
The Grand Finale at MHS!
Your future will be great.

Love,
Mom, Steph, Adam, Josh
Dad & David Jr.

Jacqueline Herrera

Jacqueline– Just yesterday you were a shy little girl and in the blink of an eye you have turned into a beautiful young lady. Words cannot express how proud we are of you. Not only are you beautiful, you are smart, caring and wonderful in every way. Good luck at IU and never stop chasing your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad, Allie & Gabi

Erin Gallagher

From little flower girl to where you are today has been an amazing journey. Congrats on your hard work and well deserved achievements. We know you will do well at Syracuse. Go Orange!

Love,
Mom & Dad

William Hatczel

Your character and commitment have shown how you can take control of your destiny! Keep that momentum going as you live your dreams! Continue to reach for the stars and God will continue to bless you! We are so proud to have you for our son! Love you forever!
Mom & Dad

Rachel Jamrose

We are proud of you and your accomplishments at Munster High School. You've shared your delightful spirit, positive attitude and exuberant smile with everyone at MHS. You have always been an extraordinary person, and we know that you will be successful in anything you set your mind to as a University of Louisville Cardinal.
Love, Mom & Dad

Jimmy Delis

How did time fly by so fast? It felt like yesterday that you were just starting pre-school. Congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of you. You will continue to accomplish great things at Purdue.
Loving you always,
Dad, Mom, Peter & Yianni

Elena Piech

Lenny,

I knew you were going to be a leader when you asked the question, at the young age of three, "Why is there a king but not a ruler?"

Enjoy your time at Ithaca. Enjoy your future. I know you are going to be someone that makes a change in this world. You have a heart of gold.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Austin & Winston

Brian Banach

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Good luck at Purdue. Boiler Up!
Love always,
Dad, Mom, Mike, Matt, Lisa & Ali

Cayla Bales

Cayla,
What a beautiful and thoughtful young woman you have become. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished!! We love you so much...
Good luck at Notre Dame!!
Mom, Dad, JR, Tessa & Kato

Melanie Krueger

Melanie,

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose ... "Oh the Places You'll Go!"
From Munster High School class of 2015 to Purdue University class of 2019 – Congratulations & Boiler Up!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Megan, Buddy,
Matt, Dakota & Blossom

Adam Kulam

Adam,
You make life feel like a new adventure everyday! Stay true to yourself and remember that we will always love you!
Mom, Dad & Zakariah

Tessa Faubion

We are so amazed and proud of all of your accomplishments. You have become a mindful, genuine, beautiful and talented person. You have a bright future, and we are very excited about college and your next life adventures.

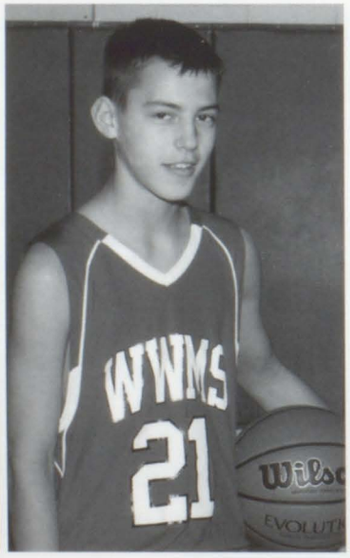
We love you! Mom, Dad & Chloe

Maggie Gerber

"Keep believing that what is in your heart is true and awaiting you in the future."

Maggie Lucia,
You've made us laugh over the years but most of all you've made us proud! Just keep doing what you believe in and be yourself.
Congrats babydoll, we love you more!
Dad, Mom, Jacob, J.C. & Bradley
Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

Adam Ostoich



Words can't express how proud I am of you!
You will achieve great things in life!
Your brother and I wish you all the best at I.U.
Dad is smiling down on you!
Love,
Mom & Alex

Ryan Kritzer

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think." - Winnie the Pooh
Good luck running at Indiana State!
Mom & Dad

Max Lawson

"I'll eat you up, I love you so,"
but for now,
let the wild rumpus start.
With great love,
Mama Bear

Kathleen Gonzales

"Little Miss Magic, Whatcha gonna be?
Little Miss Magic, just can't wait to see"

We are so proud of the opportunities you have created and can't wait to see what the next chapter of your story at Indiana University has in store! We love you more than words can say.

Always,
Mom, Dad & Erin

Stephanie Bulow

We are very proud of you and your achievements. With your great work ethic and strong desire to succeed we look forward to your future achievements. Continue on your path to success at IU, and of course have fun when your school work is done.
Love Your Proud Family!
Mom, Dad & Matthew Bulow

Nicole Heiniger

You continually amaze us with your accomplishments and talents. Keep smiling and know that you are loved.

Mom, Dad, Rachael and Jack

Phil. 4:13

Emily Whitaker

Make your life as beautiful as the dreams that dance in your imagination.

We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Rilee & Jake

Dean Svolos

Dean,

Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you. Wishing you continued success at IU and in your future.

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Jimmy & Michael

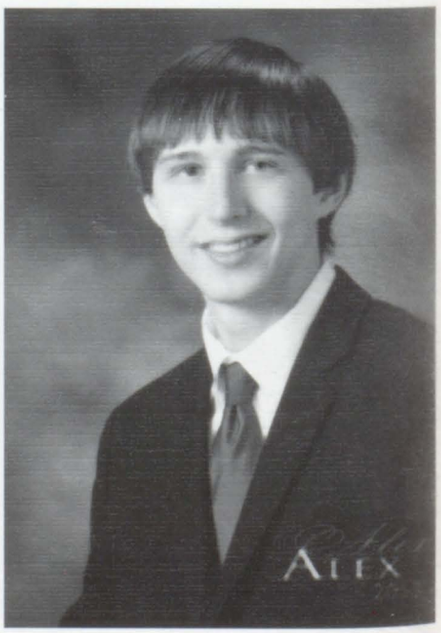
Alexander Wisniewski

Character is the fabric which we weave throughout our life and defines who we are. Your dedication to be yourself and be the giving leader you are placed you at this well-deserved milestone. We know you will embrace your Character and continue to demonstrate the persistence, foresight and compassion which is inspirational to us all. We are so proud of you, good luck at college and we love you very much...
Mom, Dad, Allison & Adam

Alexander Megremis

Congratulations, Alex!
We are so proud of the person you've become. Continue to work hard and follow your dreams. Best wishes at IU!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mark
(Bobby & Sundae too!)



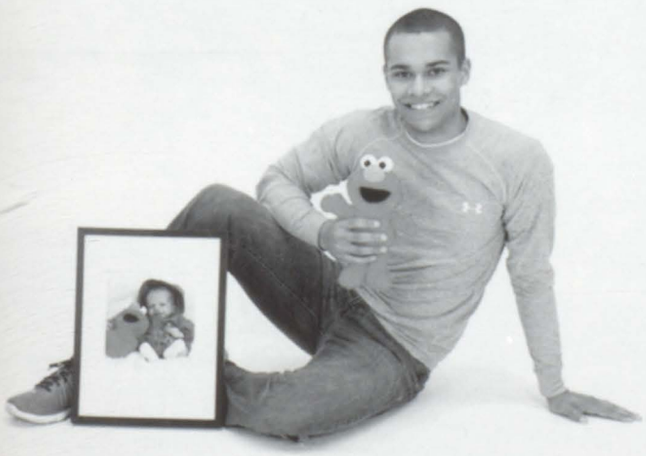
Krysten Leahy

Congratulations, Krysten!

Our blessing arrived on July 27, 1996. You are all grown up and so beautiful and compassionate! You are going to be an amazing nurse! We love you, and lots of happiness and success in the future!
Love you always,

Dad, Mom, Kyle, Ryan, Lauryn, (Your dog Lilo), Grandpa Carl, Grandma Bonnie, & family too! Grandma Jeanne is in your heart forever!

Xavier Hofferth



Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. We are so proud of the man you have become!

Love, Mom & Dad

Dominic Lucito

We are so proud of your accomplishments on and off the field. Good luck at Carthage studying Computer Science and playing football. We love you so much, our "only one!"
Mom & Dad

Marymargaret Maloney

We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished and very excited to see where your journey will take you. Your competitive spirit and drive to succeed have always been complimented by your love of fun and laughter and your devotion to family. We know these traits will continue to grow and we look forward to the ride ahead.
We love you,

Mom, Dad & Tommy

Drew Hackett

Congratulations, Drew, on all of your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you and wish you much success at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and beyond.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Luke & Grandma Hackett

2014-2015 Mustang Ice Hockey Team

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Third Row: Alex Sobilo, Hannah Bailey (JV Captain), Vincent Bravo, Tyler Polesta, JC Sellers, Samuel Stassin, Blake Gardiner, Robert Field , Raleigh Vis (JV Asst. Captain)

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Hannah Bailey

Brodie Claesgens

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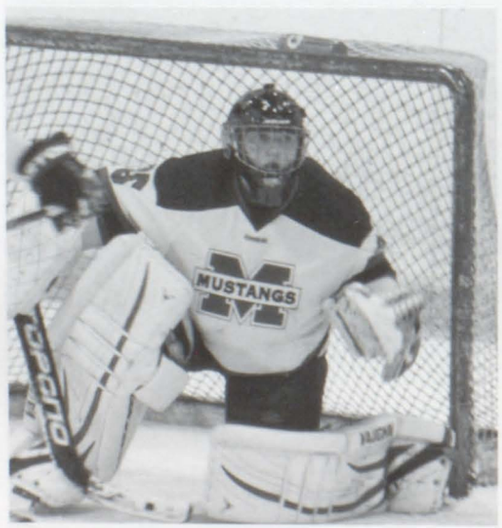

Nick Kotz

Nick Gauthier

Matt Ryan

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Aron Panas

Congratulations, Aron! Thank you for making us proud, and we pray for all the best in your future as Boilermaker!
Love, Dad, Mom & Ellie
Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who stregnthens me

Patrick Burke

Patrick,

We are so proud of you! Good luck at Purdue!
Congratulations!

All our love,
Your proud family

Jamie Deja

Congratulations on your Graduation! Jamie, you are very strong minded & determined to make your life successful. We will always support & believe in you. We have and always will be proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Kyle

Antonia DalleCarbonare

Toni,
Your Beautiful, Calm nature and your true and confident heart exceeds any and all expectations.
We are so looking forward to your college years and beyond.
Our hearts are full of pride and so much love for you.
Mom & Dad

2014-2015 Band Seniors

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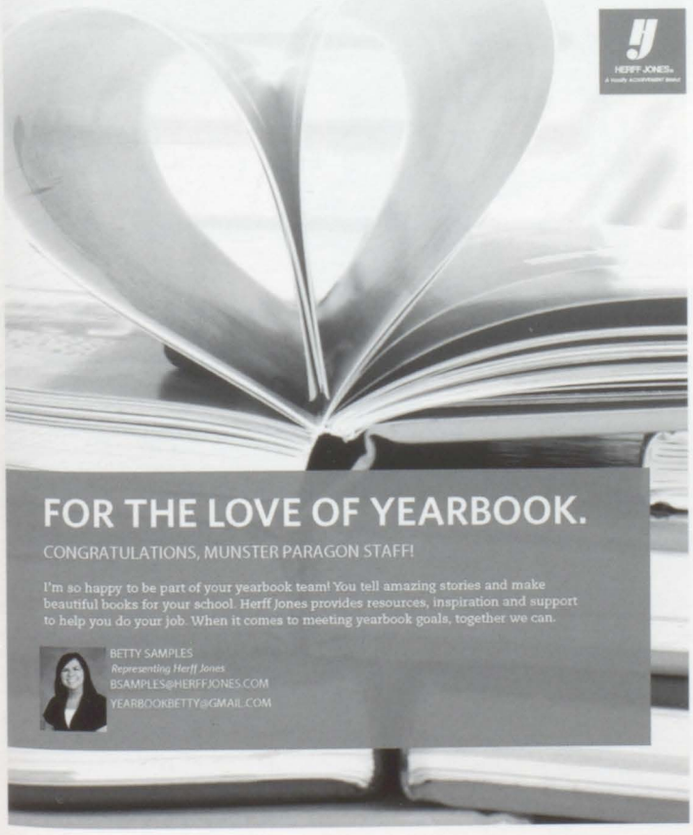
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Amer Abasi, 12 worked on *Crier* with **Max Baker, 12**

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was in choir with
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was on the Speech team with

COLOPHON

Laurel Demkovich, 12
"This is stressing me out.

Gigi Urbaniak, 12
"Deez nuts.

Zahra Bhoy, 12
"Got 'em.

Serena Patel, 11
"I'm done.

Melanie Krueger, 12
"I got the ice cream cake.

Lauren Koultourides, 12
"Ugly fonts make me cringe.

Elena Piech, 12
"Although I should be in a bunch of these spreads, I can't because I'm on staff. #PresidentOfEverything

Natalia Bilek, 12
"My favorite memory of yearbook is becoming a family with all of the writers and photographers. I love them all so dearly and have created so many fond memories with each one.

Therese Capriglione, 11
"#freethenipple.

Lexie Lyons, 11
"Is this gluten-free?

Julia Swibes, 11
"Does this have dairy in it? I can't eat it. *eats it anyway*

Kyra Marriott, 10
"I'm at track.

Ray Ojel, 12
"Yearbook was strange and exciting. My favorite moment is when I said 'no comment' to something without knowing what it meant.

Kasey Luehrs, 12
"My favorite part of yearbook this year was feeling accepted by everyone else after only joining last semester and making new friendships with people that I would have never expected to. And the food, the food was always good.

Kyra Marriott, 10
"My favorite memory is our class Halloween party when we had so much food.

Ms. Lanman, adviser
"Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm. *while eating*

Didot, the fish
"Blurp bluuurrrrp. Blurp bllllrrurp blurp."

**"I am very self-conscious about my size because you guys overfed me.

At the start of the 2014-2015 year, *Paragon* staff members brainstormed what the 50th volume's theme would be. After the staff scribbled and crossed out numerous ideas, Melanie blew everyone out of the water with the theme Making History Starts With You (which was born the same day as Beyoncé). So Zahra snuck into the pub one morning to hide motivational Beyoncé pictures around the room while Gigi placed Laurel's senior pictures and Lauren snuck in her nudes– that is, from when she was a baby.

As the staff began to work on Volume 50, they were able to stay focused—but only when promised a myriad of food breaks. Thanks to Julia and Lexie's baking, Grandma Lanman's sandwich buffets and a $100 order from Dragon Bowl, they were always able to make deadline. Food was really important, and Melanie's mac 'n cheese was legend... dairy.

Even though we ran out of paper often, we were thankful when Lauren was able to dig through the library recycling and find bundles of half-used white paper.

After the first deadline, no one was afraid to speak their mind. This included telling Ray that he needed to go home and take a shower. Therese was never afraid to announce when she thought something was ugly or didn't make sense and promoted #freethenipple all year long. Ms. Lanman also was never afraid to speak her mind, especially when she was sick but needed to be at school for deadline.

The noise level increased (especially when Kasey obnoxiously laughed at anything remotely funny) as the staff began losing their minds trying to perfect headlines. Tensions grew as they painfully found more quotes and constantly had to update Elena on what was going on. As deadline nights grew on, they witnessed Serena and Ray slowly fall in love while Kyra sat in the corner and laughed at people's yearbook photos.

Ultimately, the 50th volume of Paragon would not exist without Laurel's fearless leadership, Natalia's photography and Beyoncé's constant presence in the staff's hearts.

Paragon Vol. 50 MAKING HISTORY STARTS WITH YOU was printed by Herff Jones at 2525 Midpoint Drive, Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of the lovely Customer Service Adviser Kristi Templeton. Locally, Herff Jones Representative Betty Samples helped at all times of the day, while making sure all packages were aligned and modular.

With a press run of 850 copies, the 240-page book featured 100 lb. gloss paperstock. Early orders of the book cost $50, with prices rising for to $55 for an October spooky sale, $60 before winter break, $65 before spring break and $70 for the end of the school year and pick up.

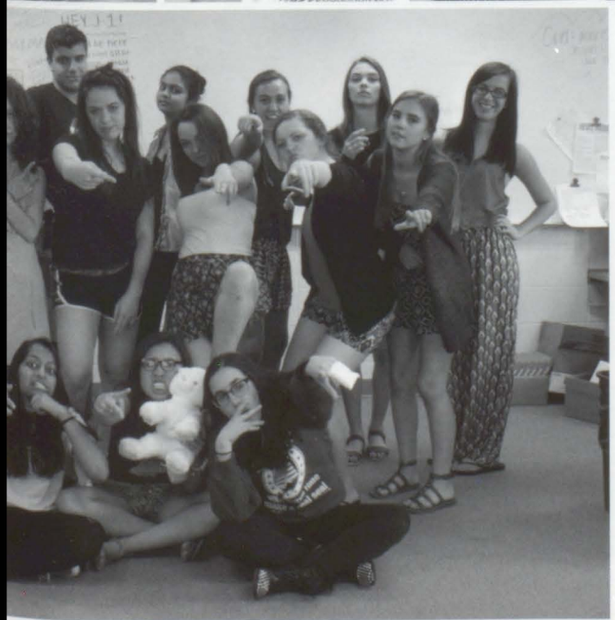
The staff designed the fusion cover themselves with inspiration from the Fifty Shades of Grey trailer. The copy font is AHJ Opus, and the headline and accent font is Didot. The inspiration for the theme Making History Starts with You came from the 50th anniversary of the school. The staff wanted to say something about MHS with an emphasis on the individual students and strived to quote every student to make the book as personal as possible.

All pages were designed using Adobe CS6 InDesign, and all photographs were edited in Photoshop. All candid photos are digital, taken by our staff photographers on a variety of cameras, including Nikon D5100, D7000, D7100 and Canon EOS Rebel T4i and 50D. HR Imaging and Root Studios took all underclassman and senior portraits. Club photos, meant as a throwback to the club pictures of the 60s and 70s, were shot by Lauren, Natalia, Serena and Ms. Lanman with the help of Melanie (who carried the ladder). Mr. David Russell graciously provided us with sports' team photos.

Paragon is a proud member of the National Scholastic Press Association, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the Indiana High School Press Association. Volume 49 **MORE** THAN won a Pacemaker from NSPA, the first time in nine years.

The staff would like to thank their rep Betty for her immense and wonderful support, even through the tears (and for Cafe Fondue!). Thank you to Mrs. Nancy Hastings for making Pub the place it is today and yelling at Ms. Lanman when she was a student. And thank you to *Crier* for letting us eat your food and for being civil when we shared deadline weeks.

Thank you to Mr. Mike Wells and school administration for their support. Thank you to Ms. Leigh Ann Westland for your help during Secret Santa and letting pub invade your classroom. Thank you to Mr. Kevin Clyne for always walking in Pub like he had something really important to say but was always, always just looking for food. And again, thank you Pepper, for your presence and origami mammals.



SPECIAL AP CLASS With a look of shock, Zahra Bhoy, senior, receives her award at the annual Pub Banquet at Little Italy in Dyer. Each year seniors award staff members "Most Likely To..." awards. "I was horrified and shocked when I found out my award, but I also found it very funny," Zahra said. "I also felt quite horrified that I was presented this award in a public room with many adults. I love yearbook."

UNDER THE MISTLETOE Posing under the mistletoe, seniors Gigi Urbaniak, Lauren Koultourides, Laurel Demkovich and Zahra Bhoy pause from decorating the Publications room to take a selfie. "Decorating Pub was always such a fun tradition," Laurel said. "My favorite part was hanging the Christmas tree upside down from the ceiling... oh wait, we didn't get to do that this year."

FACE OFF After stealing senior Laurel Demkovich's phone, juniors Lexie Lyons, Therese Capriglione and Julia Swibes take numerous selfies. "I really really hate this picture," Lexie said. "But, whatever."

CLOSING TIME After the coloring of the ladder, Therese Capriglione, junior, Melanie Krueger, senior, Serena Patel, junior, seniors Zahra Bhoy and Laurel Demkovich and Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications adviser, celebrate the ending of a deadline by taking a picture. "I was hungry, so I was excited to leave," Serena said.

SQUAD GOALS Instead of taking a serious club picture, the yearbook staff decides to take a fun one, embodying the image of a squad. "No comment," Ray Ojel, senior, said.

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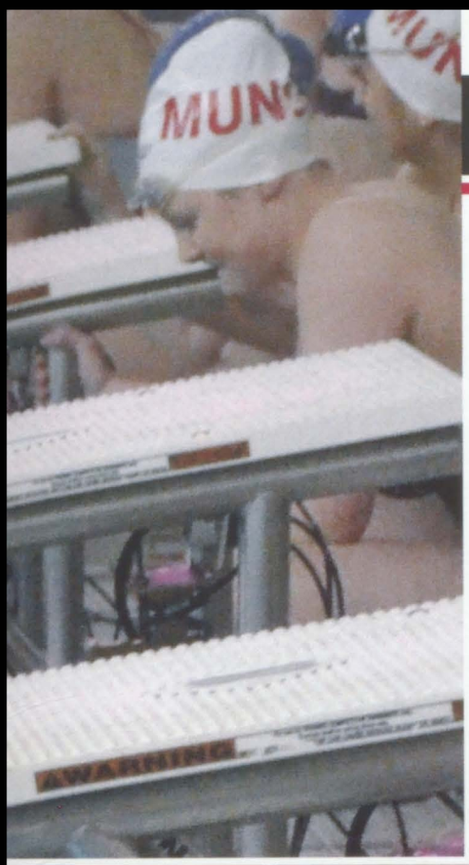
READY TO ROLL Ready at the starting block, seniors Hannah Dempsey and Audrey Mayer prepare to compete against Lake Central at a swim meet. "Since individual and team scores have the same objective, if you swam your personal best, you generally scored more points for the team," Dempsey said.

FROM THE SIDELINES Supporting their teammates, sophomores Melissa Fronczek, Meredith Lee, Lily Stooksbury and Perima Shah watch a match during tennis Sectionals. "The tennis team was very close, and we always offered our support on and off the court," Shah said.



SHAPING US

From joining our first club or sport to attending school each day, we made history. The following is a list of the top 50 ways we shaped the history that the school made every day.

1. Band received the ISSMA All Band Award.
2. Baseball made it to Sectionals.
3. Boys' Basketball won Sectionals against East Chicago.
4. Boys' Cross Country received third at State.
5. Boys' Golf received fourth in Conference.
6. Boys' Soccer completed their 13th consecutive sectional win.
7. Boys' Swimming won Sectionals for the 30th consecutive time.
8. Boys' Tennis completed their 34th sectional win.
9. The Boys' Track 4 x 1 relay received fifth and the 4 x 4 relay ninth at State.
10. Cheer went to State for the first time and received sixth.
11. Chess Club received fifth at State.
12. Choir received fifth at ISSMA State.
13. Concert Band received 11th at State.
14. *Crier* got third place Best in Show at the JEA/NSPA National Convention in Washington D.C.
15. Debate received third at State.
16. DECA received second at State.
17. Football went to Sectionals.
18. Girls' Cross Country won Conference for the first time in five years.
19. Girls' Golf won Conference.
20. Girls' Swimming won Sectionals.
21. Girls' Tennis was Runners-Up at State.
22. Girls' Track won Sectionals for the fourth year in a row.
23. Marching Band received sixth at State.
24. *Paragon* won a Pacemaker Award, an honor given to 36 other yearbooks in the nation.
25. Robotics qualified for State.
26. Science Olympiad received sixth at Nationals and set a record at State by receiving the State's lowest score of a 61.
27. Speech received first in their division and second overall at State.
28. The Dance team was State Champions in Varsity Pom and semi-finalists in Jazz at Nationals.
29. Volleyball won Sectionals.
30. We the People received second at State and 10th at Nationals.

DOWN TO A SCIENCE Focused on his project, Brian Araya, junior, practices for Science Olympiad. "It was pure excitement when we realized that we not only broke the scoring record with 61, but also the gold medal record with 11," Brian said. "It was one of the best feelings ever."

SPLASH IN THE FACE While getting water dumped on him by Max Baker, senior, Alex Baker, senior, takes part in a beginning-of-the-year Publications water balloon fight to help train new photographers. "I thought it was a creative way to introduce new and old members of staff to one another," Max said.

HEART OF GOLD As she poses for a picture, Anna Whitney, sophomore, holds her medals in hand at DECA Internationals. "I was really proud because it was my first year and a lot of people, including myself, put in a lot of work to get there," Anna said.

CASH CRUNCH

With the budget crisis, many aspects of the school changed, which affected students and teachers

31 POWER OF THE PEN At a letter-writing campaign, juniors Mackenzie Peirick and Ally Szakacs write to their Indiana representatives about the budget crisis. "It's always sad to see struggling teachers lose their jobs, but it's even worse, for me, to lose programs and extracurriculars that students use as an outlet for expression," Ally said. Student Government and Civics Club members participated in the letter writing campaign to help combat the budget issues. Due to the property tax cap, laptop subsidization, and low tax disbursement, the school town was $8 million in debt.

32 SAVE THE DAY The school board hired Dr. Jeff Hendrix as the superintendent to help solve the budget crisis. At various community meetings, he shared his plans on how to cut down on costs.

33 WITH FLYING COLORS During Calculus AB, Sydney Kawalec, senior, uses green colored paper. At the end of the year, the school chose not to buy more white paper, forcing teachers and students to use colored paper. "I guess it didn't really make a difference in the things I was doing, so aside from the first time you saw it and it was just a bit unusual, it really didn't have a big impact on anything," Sydney said.

34 In January, the School Board laid off 50 non-certified staff members.

35 The hand sanitizer and soap dispensers were replaced with less expensive sanitzer and soap.

36 At the end of the year, eight certified staff members were laid off, four staff members resigned and five retired.

37 In order to save on electric costs, summer school only ran from Monday to Thursday.

CHANGE IT UP

Structural changes were made to the school with a new Art Club Mural and the naming of the pool

38 MAKING ART Mei Brasel, sophomore, works on the mural that represented every extracurricular activity. Art Club members created the mural in a South hallway.

39 The pool was named after former Swimming Coach Jon Jepsen, who had 19 consecutive Conference Championships and seven State Championships. The diving well was named after Coach Chuck Chelich, who coached diving for over 50 years and produced 13 All-American divers.

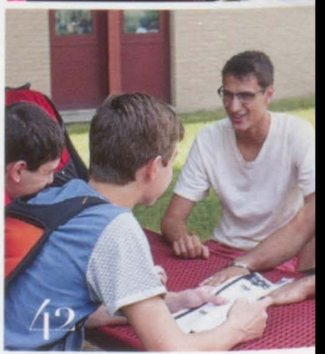
FEED THE HUNGER

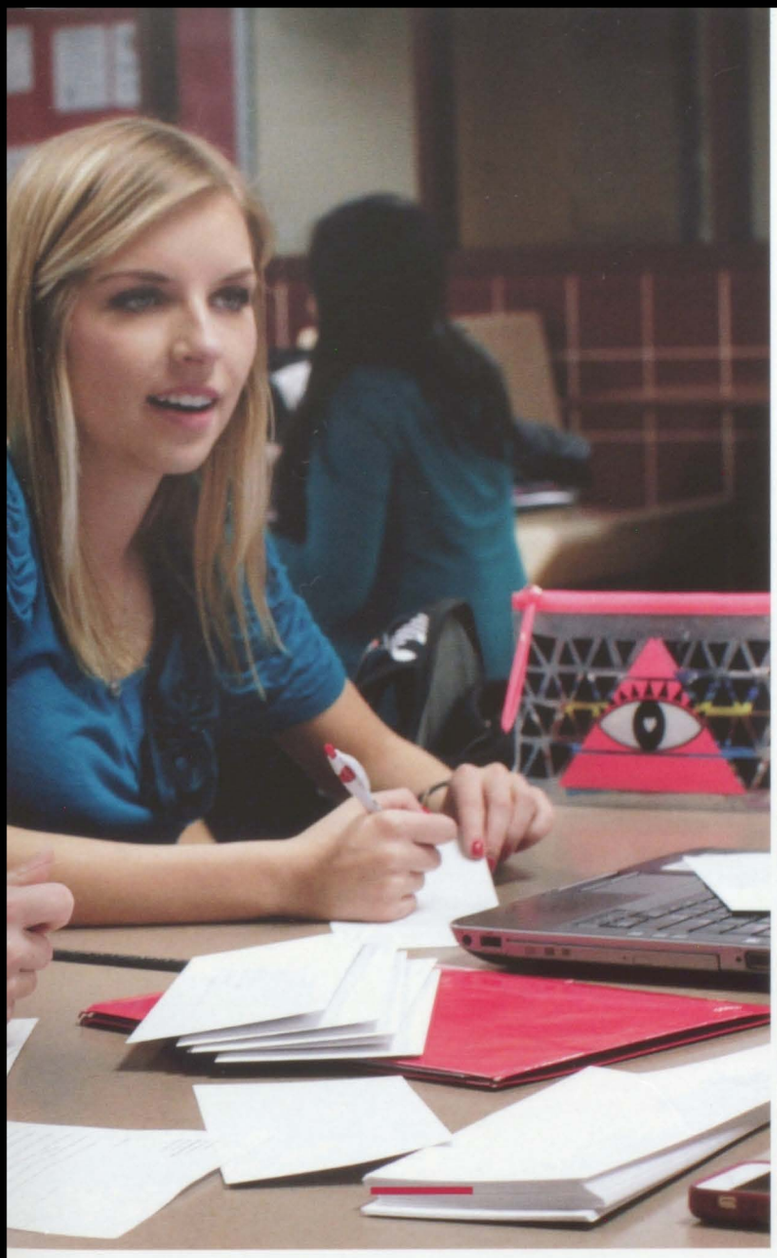
Students received more options for food and where to eat with multiple changes

40 ORDER IT UP Caleb Valent, senior, serves a slushy to Evan Torres, freshman. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, West Lake Students sold drinks to students at the Mustang Café.

41 BRAIN FREEZE At lunch, Cameron Smith, freshman, buys a frozen yogurt. The cafeteria began offering frozen yogurt during lunch.

42 OUT TO LUNCH At lunch, sophomores Jake Ingoglia and Angad Sidhu hang out in the courtyard. Towards the end of the year, students could eat their lunch in the courtyard.





WHAT MADE US

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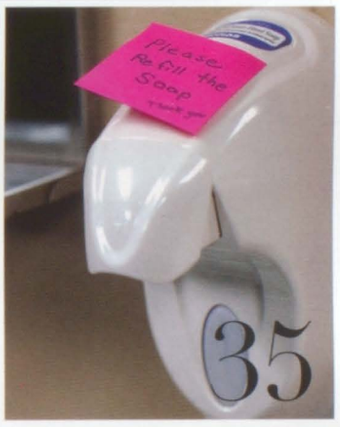

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FOR THE LAST TIME

Seniors made different impacts on the school, academically and socially

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43 SETTING TRENDS In the morning Alex Wisniewski, senior, flips pancakes for breakfast. During the last week of school, seniors decided to have a special theme for each day. On Tuesday, they held a breakfast tailgate before school. On Wednesday, they brought suitcases to school in place of their backpacks. Seniors wore their college shirt and brought pool noodles to school on Thursday.

44 65% enrolled into public schools
28% enrolled into private schools
5% enlisted into the armed forces
2% went into the workforce

Source: May 8 issue of *Crier*

WEATHER

Weather impacted students' environment

45 Due to the extreme cold breaking a pipe, school closed for three days in January.

46 In February, Chicago had 19 inches of snow, its fifth largest blizzard.

47 Students tolerated hot classrooms because of a broken AC in May.

POLICY

Changes in policy and scheduling occurred

48 Finals taken before winter break.

49 With a change in attendance policy, students automatically failed a course on their eighth absence.

50 Indiana required all schools to test out pilot questions for upcoming ECA tests, so students had an extended week of an altered schedule.

Source: Mr. Mike Wells, principal

We did not have to be the undefeated team.
We did not have to be the most talented choir.
We did not have to be the most intelligent group.

We just had to be us.

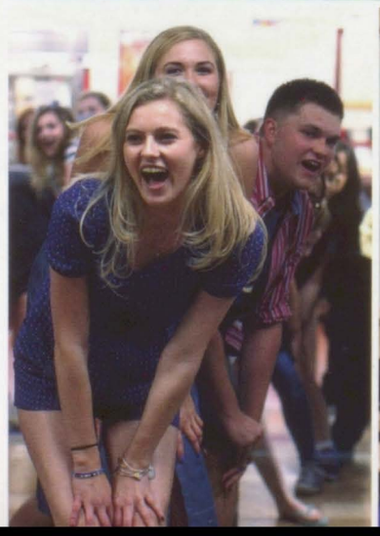
The us that passed the Art Club mural every day for weeks wondering what new club they would add next. The us that brought our trays and our friends outside to eat in the Courtyard for lunch. The us that traveled to East Chicago to watch the Boys' Basketball team win Sectionals.

It was in those moments where we were united that you finally understood what makes high school so special.

It started with you setting aside half of your lunch period to wait in line for the new froyo machine. It started with you turning in your English 11 research paper on green paper. It started with you saying goodbye to your favorite teachers because you knew they might not return next year.

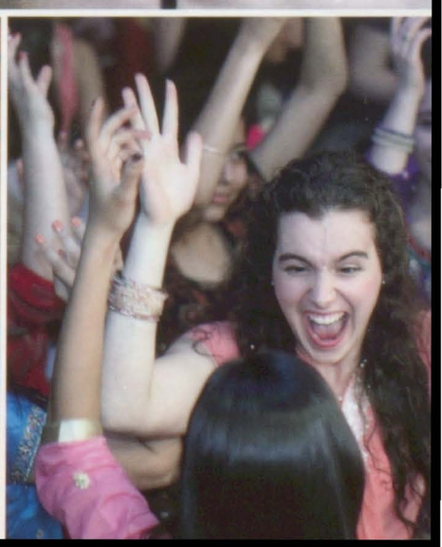
We made history every day, but we could not have done it without you.

MAKING HISTORY STARTS WITH YOU



WIN-WIN Shaving cream in hand, Alex Mis, junior, covers Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher, with silly string and shaving cream after he completed a game against T.F. South and his 600th win. "(Coach Shinkan) is just a smart guy," Mis said. "He had so much baseball knowledge. He was a good coach, but you could joke with him."
WHAT TIME IS IT On the last day of school, Meredith Simmons, senior, Anna Bilse, junior, Casey Terry, senior, and other members of choir took part in a flash mob to "What Time is It?" from *High School Musical* during C lunch. "We did a flash mob as a way to close out our senior year," Meredith said. "I think it went really well. It was very well-received by everyone at lunch and we all had fun doing it."
FREE THE NOODLE During a break in AP Composition, seniors Thomas Speranza and Maddie Switalla fight with noodles that the senior class brought in as a prank. "(Noodle fighting) was definitely one of my favorite senior year moments because our little act of victimless rebellion made everyone laugh until they cried," Maddie said.
AS EASY AS PIE After receiving a pie in their face, Mrs. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher, and Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, pose with Dana Handler, senior, at the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. Throughout the week before, students put money in teachers' jars to see who would get pied. "The best part about (pieing teachers) was that it showed their support for this amazing organization," Dana said.
DO THE BHANGRA Hands up and Indian garb on, Alyssa DeJoan, sophomore, dances at HUM Culture Night. "My favorite part about HUM was getting to experience what some of my friends do on a regular basis," Alyssa said. "I loved watching the dances, listening to the music and trying new food."

DRI-FIT



WITH YOU As she stands on the sidelines, Haley Collison (4), junior, watches her teammates play on Senior Night during a game against Merrillville. The Girls' Soccer team defeated Merrillville with a score of 5-0. "In sports, (the history of the school) really helped because it kept you pushing to beat the people that held school records," Haley said. "Having the history of the sports helps kids strive to be better and push and try harder in what they are playing."

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MAKING HISTORY STARTS WITH US

HOLDING YOUR HEAD UP HIGH Rope in hand, juniors Nick Gauthier, Steven Nowaczyk, Yiorgo Karnezis and Harsh Jhaveri win the annual Tug-of-war at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

GIVING BACK Passing donations down an assembly line, Dillon Pierie, senior, Maeve Riley, freshman, Dan Green, senior, and Gabie Ingoglia, freshman, participate in the Student Government food drive.

STUDYING UP With a watchful eye, Ms. Catherine Mazeikas, science teacher, observes her students Obie Oniah, sophomore, and Vivian Wei, freshman, finish an experiment in the science lab.

BREAKING A PATTERN A look of victory in their eyes, juniors Ally Szakacs, Kelsie Kasper and Kailey Potts cheer on the juniors as they win the annual Powder Puff football game.

GOING GREEK While watching a play, seniors Stevan Djuric, Demetri Kounelis, Ben Marcus and Kevin Schlotman get rowdy against rival Lake Central during the toga-themed football game against Lake Central.

Hansa Vavilala, 9

I did really well on an argumentative essay for Mrs. (Kelly) Barnes (English teacher). I put a lot of effort into it. I remember when I found out how I did, I got up out of my seat and started runing for the tissues because I started crying from happiness."

Melanie Mooney, 10

I think the school made history by ranking in the top 10 in the state. We really underestimate how great this school is and how even though we complain about all the work we have to do, when colleges see this school, they are going to know who we are and what we are capable of."

Eleni Georgalas, 11

I made history this year with the Art Club mural. I was secretary of the Art Club, and this was the first mural done in the school. That accomplishment really made this year special."

Jai Dharia, 12

I believe the school made history through establishing the LGBT club at the school. It really sets this school apart from others and the fact that students are openly proud to be who they are knowing they will not be judged is incredible."

Mr. Rick Sluder, social studies teacher

I was lucky enough to coach the best Cross-Country team in the history of Munster High School who finished third in State Finals. I was then named 'Coach of the Year' by the 'Northwest Indiana Times.' It is something that I will remember forever and an accomplishment that the kids on the team will have for the rest of their lives."